

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 January 15
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

City January 15, 1856

My Dear Uncle

After spending Christmas holidays very pleasant
-ly with Mrs. Paul I returned to school and found that one of our
boarders had left. I obtained permission of Mrs. Richards to take
her place in a small room which is much pleasant and much
better adapted to study than the one which I formerly occupied
for in so large a room where four or five girls room together they
are more likely to be rude than otherwise.
I received a letter from Mother last week she mentioned that Mr.
Hogan had received a letter from you they were all well.
I have not heard from her since I sent your letter but presume
she has received them as I sent them by a Gentleman who intended
to pass through Vergennes on his way to Montreal.
Mrs. Paul has at length received a letter from Noble which has
quitted her fears concerning her friends as they were all well
also, has received one from Mrs. Edmond she has concluded to
spend the winter in Vergennes. Cornelia and herself are boarding
with Mr. Rogers. We have excellent sleighing here and the weather
though rather cold is very pleasant. Mr. Kellogg has given us all
a sleigh ride this winter he is very kind both to Mrs. Richards
and all the boarders and does every thing in his power to make us

contented and happy he submits the sword and without him it
would be of little or no importance

Mr Greenland is very comfortable but his brother is very sick and
is so far advanced in life that they are afraid he will never
recover.

It is so near examination that we are obliged to study every
moment to prepare our studies therefore I hope you will excuse
the shortness of this letter as it is my studies which interfere
and prevent me from writing further

Believe me your Affectionate Niece
Jane Bennett

P.S. please direct your letters fourth ward Seminary

Jane I. Perrett
Jan 15. 1836

Mr. William Perrett Brown
New Orleans
Louisiana

Troy January 15, 1836

My Dear Uncle

After spending Christmas holidays very pleasantly with Mrs. Vail I returned to school and found that one of our boarders had left. I obtained permission of Mrs. Richards to take her place in a small room which is much pleasanter and much better adapted to study than the one which I formally occupied for in so large a room where four or five girls room together they are more likely to be rude than studious.

I received a letter from Mother last week she mentioned that Mr. Morgan had received a letter from you they were all well. I have not heard from her since I sent your letter but presume she has received them as I sent them by a Gentleman who intended to pass through Vergennes on his way to Montreal.

Mrs. Vail has at length received a letter from Mobile which has quieted her fears concerning her friends as they were all well also has received one from Mrs. Edmond she has concluded to spend the winter in Vergennes Cornelia and herself are boarding with Mr. Rogers. We have excellent sleighing here and the weather though rather cold is very pleasant. Mr. Kellogg has given us all a sleigh ride this winter he is very kind, both to Mrs. Richards and all the boarders and does every thing in his power to make us contented and happy. He supports the school and without him it would be of little or no importance.

Mr. Townsend is very comfortable but his Mother is very sick and is so far advanced in life that they are fearful she will never recover.

It is so near examination that we are obliged to study every moment to prepare our studies

I hope you will excuse the shortness of this letter as it is my studies which intervene and prevents me from writing farther.

believe me Your Affectionate Niece

Jane Burritt

P.S. Please direct your letters fourth ward Seminary.

MASON, CATHARINE
From John T. Mason
1836 January 18
ALS

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From John T. Mason to his daughter Catharine. She has too many subjects to study to avoid confusion among them. He philosophizes about learning now and as we age. He recently saw Emma Willard who "had become a huge mountain of flesh...distressing to look at, bound up as it is in corsets and covered with all sorts of finery." Describes a funny experience with Emma Willard and their hosts when they ascended a ladder to the top of the host's house to view the Northern Lights and then tried to get down again.

Catharine Armstead Mason was born in Lexington, KY. Her parents were John Thomson and Eliza (Moir) Baker. She was a student at TFS from 1832 - 1837. Her sisters Emily Virginia Mason and Laura Ann Thomson Mason also attended TFS. She married Isaac L. Rowland and bore four children. She died in 1884. [Emma Willard and Her Pupils](#) contains a more complete biography.

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New York, Jan. 18. 1876

My Dear Catherine

I am indebted to you two letters
 and the last says so many good things of yourself
 that it must not remain unacknowledged. It
 is an interesting account of unsubmitting indus-
 try and I hope gives a promise of improvement
 that will bring up lost time. I am afraid tho'
 that there are too many subjects of study crowd-
 ed together, according to the error of all these
 schools, and in learning every thing you get
 confused ideas of all. But this apprehen-
 sion you might say is relieved by the
 declaration that your instructor makes
 you learn every thing thoroughly. This is an
 excellent rule but I think difficult to carry
 into execution when you have at once be-
 fore you Geography, History, Arithmetic,
 Grammar, Mythology, Logic ~~and Astronomy~~
 and miscellaneous ~~reading~~. However I do
 not mean to find fault with the course be-
 cause I cannot give directions without
 being present to observe. It is evident how-
 ever that you must have abridgments
 (always true & imperfect) ~~and take up~~ a dry
 detail of facts exercising the memory alone
 and overloading it with a confused mass

It will be all of you to see a little from among the letters
 of Will - that my love - made - from an hour
 of domestic labor - of this I will assure

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 unalighted & unlighted. ^{are reflection}
 however which if carried out will remedy
 this - that schools are merely initiators to
 knowledge & more to point out the subjects
 and sources of information which are
 to be pursued in after life & at every pe-
 riod of it. A taste for reading and a thirst
 for knowledge once acquired & firmly set-
 tled in the mind, every day will give an
 addition to the store and as you progress in
 years so will be the richness of the treasure.
 It is a great mistake to suppose that after
 leaving school we have finished our edu-
 cation. It is in fact only then begun,
 and the road only pointed out. From this
 notion of finished school education arises
 so much ignorance in men & women, for
 the error is applicable to all classes, and
 resting upon rudiments and neglecting
 to reach the superstructure, the foundation
 itself soon is covered & lost amidst the
 rubbish and rank growth which ^{always} ~~forms~~
^{uncultivated} soil. That you are pleased
 with your school & instruction is highly grati-
 fying and ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{best} prognostic of benefit from
 your studies - and recollect to make
 yourself acquainted with arithmetic &
 how to state & make out an account and
 to understand one, if you learn nothing more
 of book-keeping - I think Emily might
 take a lesson to advantage on this subject.
 In making, & writing compositions, there

As much of your chance to find her the first opportunity. I
 would have a word on handwriting but please let it be soon read

I have forgotten to mention that I had the pleasure of seeing your old friend Mrs Willard in this city some weeks since. She has become a huge mountain of flesh, absolutely burthenome to herself, & it is a wonder it is in any way covered with all sorts of finery. However many compliments received, which she complies with. My visit to her & her society for a few days (at Mrs Manns) I discovered the heavens illuminated with the ~~earthly~~ light that was so resplendent this season, and called out the ladies to look at it. To get a better view it was proposed to go to the top of the house, and away we lumbered, Mrs Willard, Mrs Punties, Sarah & myself. When we got into the garret

all out of breath, we found ^{that} to get on the top
 of the house we had to ascend by a narrow
 ladder. The task was evidently difficult,
 but curiosity & excitement ^{made us de-}
 termine to surmount ^{the obstacle}.
 Mrs P. & Sarah mounted quite easily, but
 when Mrs W. began her ascent, I trembled
 for the ladder & more for myself, who
 stood under ready holding it. However
 by dint of pushing & pulling the sum-
 mit was attained, and we stood on the
 top of the house truly in amazement &
 delight at the sublime spectacle. In fact
 I never saw any thing more grand & inter-
 esting - After gazing our eyes and en-
 joying the scene till it was veiled in
 obscurity, we began to think of descend-
 ing; and now came the tug of war. The
 question was difficult to solve how Mrs P.
 got up, but how to get down was a mat-
 ter perfectly incomprehensible. The lu-
 diculousness of our position was such as
 to create bursts of laughter, in which Mrs
 W. most heartily joined. I proposed getting
 a rope & tying it fast above & let all
 down by gently slipping it as they made
 fast to the steps of the ladder, and va-
 rious expedients, till at last finding
 we must get down some way or other,
 we began the march - Sarah accompan-
 yed it well, Mrs P. equally so, but Mrs W.

beautiful ladder to take along. The large style in the Cham-
 ber & the parlor are called the parlor & the chamber.

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 February 4
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Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

Aug. 24th 1886

Thankfully. My Dear Uncle, I acknowledge
the receipt of your kind letter, together with a check for one hundred
dollars, which I received yesterday, defrayed my school expenses and have
fifty dollars remaining—

I wrote you but a few days since and therefore have
nothing of much importance to communicate— I am spending
the present week with Mrs. Paul and enjoy vacation very much—

Mrs. Perry received a letter from Eugene a few
days since— Miss Cornelia Wheeler is very low they are daily expecting
her death— ^{Edw.} Little Williams is quite sick the rest of the family
are as well as usual—

I sent you the Richards bill some time ago in
one of your letters which I presume you have received before this—

Your last letter was some time on the way I suppose on
account of the roads which are still very bad—

Mrs. Paul & family are comfortable send their compliments
to you—

Please to write as often as convenient, and
believe me ever your affectionate niece

John C. Bennett

Mr. Wm. Pinney Brown
New Orleans
Louisiana



June 6, 1876
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Troy Feb. 4th 1836

Thankfully. My Dear Uncle I acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter, together with a check for one hundred dollars, which I received yesterday, defrayed my school expenses, and have forty dollars remaining.

I wrote you but a few days since and therefore have nothing of much importance to communicate. I am spending the present week with Mrs. Vail and enjoy vacation very much---

Miss Perry received a letter from Vergennes a few days since. Miss Cornelia Wheeler is very low they are daily expecting her death. Little William Perry is quite sick the rest of the family are as well as usual.

I sent you Mrs. Richards bill some time ago in one of my letters which I presume you have received before this.

Your last letter was some time on the way I suppose on account of the roads which are still very bad.

Mrs. Vail's family are comfortable send their compliments to you.

Please to write as often as convenient, and believe me ever your Affectionate Niece

Jane S. Burritt

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 February 13
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Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

Big February, 13th 1836

My Dear Mother

Our vacation which I have spent very pleasantly, is about to close, and I return to school tomorrow. My studies this term will be, ^{the} same as those which I have formerly pursued, with the addition of French, and the question of Grammar.

I have attended Mrs Willard's examination two or three days during vacation. I found it very interesting, ^{pleasant} between my relations they had music, which made it very ^{pleasant} interesting.

The day I attended the studies in which the young ladies were examined were - Euclid's Geometry, Rameau's element of Arithmetic, History, Chemistry, Music, Stewart's Philosophy, Rhetorical Mathematics and Phrenology.

The latter was very interesting & amusing though one which I think not very necessary for a young lady.

Mrs Willard presided with great dignity. They had some very good music. Miss Lincoln played a piece of her own composing - indeed the whole examination whenever I was present was much more pleasant than I anticipated. I can assure you that the snow here is quite a novelty it is from twelve to twenty feet deep in some places - the travelling is dreadful, when in the streets the horses are often

heads — I think it would be no more than right if the same
should be done and share with the South when we have such
an accumulation of it and let the Southerners know what it is
to have a little shagging — I think we need not complain
even should we have no snow at all next season —

I went to the dentist this morning in company
with two of our boarders who wished to have a tooth extracted,
and while there the dentist examined my teeth and said that
five of my double teeth ought to be filled and that my four teeth
ought to be ^{scraped} scraped and so that unless they were attended to
very soon ~~and~~ I should lose some of my fine teeth I think I shall
get them done immediately, he can do them for four dollars —

Mr Perry has gone to Virginia to day I think that
Mr White is living and they have sent for him (as he felt
very anxious to see him before she died) but have not heard

Your last letter I copied in my book ^{and} it to
brother I have not heard from her since my last
Mr Paul & family are as well as usual —

Believe me Your Affectionate Niece

John C. Barrett

Mr William P. Brown

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Mr. Wm. Phineas Brown
New Orleans
Louisiana

June 6. 1856
July 13. 1856

Troy February, 13th 1836

My Dear Uncle

Our vacation which I have spent very pleasantly, is about to close, and I return to school tomorrow. My studies this term will be the same as those which I have formerly pursued with the addition of French, and the exception of Grammar.

I have attended Mrs. Willard examination two or three days during vacation. I found it very interesting between every recitation they had Music, which made it very pleasant. The days I attended the studies in which the young ladies were examined were. Euclids, Geometry, Kames elements of Criticism, History, Chemistry, Music, Stewarts Philosophy, Rhetorical Mathematics and Phrenology. The latter was very interesting & amusing though one which I think not very necessary for a young lady.

Mrs. Willard presided with great dignity. they had some very good music Miss. Lincoln played a piece of her own composing, indeed the whole examination whenever I was present was much more pleasant than I anticipated. I can assure you that the snow here is quite a curiosity it is from twelve to twenty feet deep in some places the traveling is dreadful, when in the streets the horses are above our heads. I think it would be no more than right of that the snow should be divided and share with the South when we have such an accumulation of it and let the Southerners know what it is to have sleighing. I think we need not complain even should we have no snow at all next season.

I went to the dentists this morning in company with two of our boarders who wished to have a tooth extracted. and while there the dentists examined my teeth and said that four of my double teeth ought to be filled and that my fore teeth must be filed scraped and ____ that unless they were attended to very soon I should lose two of my fore teeth I think I shall get them done immediately, he can do them for five dollars.

Mr Perry has gone to Vergennes to day I think that Miss. Wheeler is ____ and they have sent for him (as she felt very anxious to see him before she died) but have not heard

Your last letter I copied in my book and sent it to Mother I have not heard from her since my last Mrs. Vail & family are as well as usual.

believe me Your Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

Mr. William P. Brown

BURRITT, JANE
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Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

May 9th 1831

My Dear Ruth

I was made very happy this morning
by the receipt of your kind letter, and feel more very grateful for your
unwavering kindness and continual proofs of affection.

I send you love to Mr Paul and
to Edward when I call the afternoon they think my advantage at
Mr Wilkes would be much greater in regard to Edward and himself
than at Mr Richards. Their friend teacher is a lady from Essex who has
taught a fortnight and conducted a most excellent school, which the friend
teacher at our boarding is nearly a girl younger than myself, and my friend
instructs. I have before described, she is not a good lady nor can I be certain
in January, Mr Richards cannot afford to hire a good lady and I am
prejudiced of my owning instructions from any other person. But Mr Paul &
Mr Edward think (taking all things into consideration) that should it
meet your approbation, it would be decidedly better for me to attend Mr
Wilkes next quarter, than frequent quarter close in four weeks the distance
quarter commences on a week or two after, Mr Paul would wish me to spend
the intervening time with her and I shall then have an opportunity of

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pursuing my studies for money. I don't at all think that I wish to
put forth or undertake my own, however, far from it, which I don't think
it would be for my personal advantage, and also of kind heart friends, I would
not trouble you, for it would be almost impossible to remove to the school
and with my schoolbooks with which I have become acquainted then to even
again amidst perfect strangers. Please advise this immediately that I be
able to decide what course to pursue before the close of the quarter if possible.
I would have liked best to send me to the Highlands of command I should
like to say this I should like for the best quarter also it will be necessary to
say the Highlands, before entering the school please excuse all imperfections
in this letter for I am writing in the evening and believe me ever your
affectionate Son.

James C. Russell

P.S. Mrs. Edmund tells me that Mother has received that check and
acknowledged the receipt of it some time before she left Virginia.

Troy April 4th 1836

My Dear Uncle

I was made very happy this morning by the reception of your kind letter, and feel very grateful for your unremitting kindness and continual proofs of affection.

I read your letter to Mrs Vail and Mrs Edmond upon whom I called this afternoon. they think my advantages at Mrs Willards would be much greater in regard to French, and Musick than at Mrs. Richards (Their French teacher is a lady from Paris. Their Musick teacher a competent and considered a most excellent teacher whereas the Musick teacher at our seminary is merely a girl younger then myself, and my french instructress. I have before described she, is not a french lady nor can she in French, Miss Richards cannot afford to hire a french lady and I see no prospect of my receiving instructions from any other person) But Mrs Vail & Mrs Edmond think (taking all things into consideration) that should it meet your approbation. it would be decidedly better for me to attend Mrs Willards next quarter. Our present quarter closes in four weeks Mrs Willard quarter commences in a week or two after, Mrs Vail would wish me to spend the intervening time with her and I shall then have an opportunity of preparing my clothes for summer. Think not dear Uncle that I wish to find fault or undervalue my many privileges, far from it, did I not think it would be for my personal advantage and also my kind friend I would not trouble you, for it would be much pleasanter to remain in this school and with my school mates with whom I have become acquainted than to remove again amidst perfect strangers, please answer this immediately that I be able to decide what course to pursue before the close of the quarter if possible. Should you think best to send me to Mrs Willards if convenient I should like to pay Mrs Richards for the present quarter also it will be necessary to pay Mrs Willard in advance before entering her school please excuse all imperfections in this letter for I am writing in the evening and believe me ever your Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

P.S. Mrs Edmond tells me that Mother has received that check and acknowledged the receipt of it some time before she left Vergennes.

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
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May 1st 27th 1856

My Dear Uncle

I am looking forward to the time when I may afford an answer to my last, which will decide where I attend school the next quarter. Our present quarter closes on the ending of next week, then will be as vacation and the Uncle thinks it the most prudent way to remain with Mr. Richards until I have given you, instead of spending this interesting time with him. It would be pleasant for me to remain here the coming quarter, when I have formed many acquaintances and friends, then to enter a new school where all are perfect strangers. But the Uncle seems to think it best for me to attend Mrs. Willards, and I would wish to act on perfect accordance with your wish in this as in all other respects.

Mr. Seymour letters to young ladies I have purchased, and highly value them. They contain a vast amount of valuable instruction and ought not only to be read but faithfully studied.

We have established a plan of which I highly approve and thank
you for it. It is a liberal improvement, of previous method. The
of reading we have each day, We have a committee room for the purpose,
and each read aloud by turns while the others can be employed in
sewing. We always have a Reader present, ~~which~~ who makes it as pleasant
by reading such works when what is read is our weight and appropriate.

The reading time is from one to two in the afternoon which is out of
school hours and so much time is ^{thus} saved, which would otherwise be
spent at least by ^{some} idling.

Mrs Edmund remains here for the present. Harriet went
to Washington some time since but did not come there in season to
attend Harriet's wedding on account of the travelling.

My Richard writes me to copy my letter in my
letter and I have done so. You can find the money when it is convenient.

I have not heard from home since I last wrote you.

Write as often as convenient and believe me ever

Yours Affectionately
Jane Buritt

Mr W. Brown

To Mrs Richards - Do

Exp. of Mrs. Richards - \$3,00

Trunk 85,00

Music and use of piano 812,00

Rent for 13 weeks 826,00

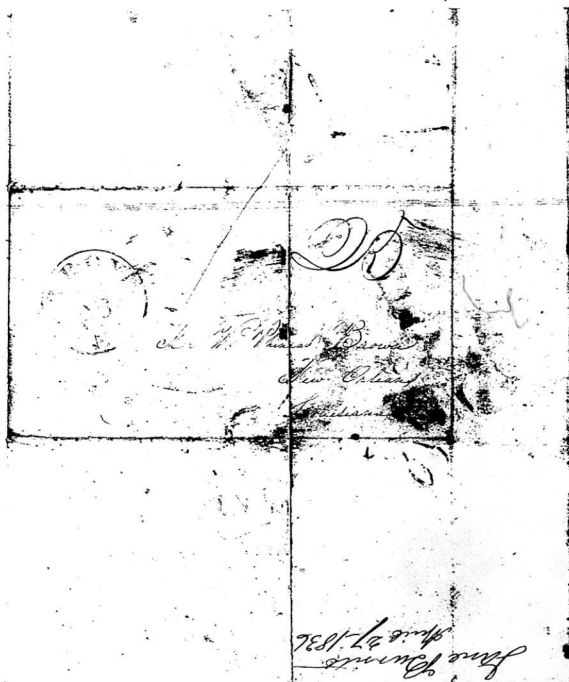
Contingencies 84,75

Washing 85,85

858,58

By April 28th 1836

Rec'd of Payment
Mrs Richards



Troy April 27 1836

My Dear Uncle

I am looking forward to the time when I may expect an answer to my last, which will decide where I attend school the next quarter. Our present quarter closes on thursday of next week, there will be no vacation, and Mrs Vail thinks it the most prudent way to remain with Mrs. Richards until I hear from you, insted of spending the intervening time with her. It would be pleasanter for me to remain here, this ending quarter, where I have formed many acquaintances, and friends, than to enter a new school where all are prefect strangers, but Mrs Vail seems to think it best for me to attend Mrs Willards and I would wish to act in perfect accordance with your wishes in this as in all other respects.

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We have established a plan of which I highly approve and think conducive to our personal improvement, if pursued right, It is that of reading an hour each day, We have a convenient room for the purpose, and each read aloud by turns while the others can be employed in sewing, we always have a teacher present who makes it very pleasant by making such remarks upon what is read as are useful and appropriate. The reading hour is from one to two in the afternoon which is out of school hours and so much time is sacred, which would otherwise be spent at least by some uselessly.

Mrs Edmond remains here for the present. Comelia went to Washington sometime since, but did not arrive there in season to attend Harriets wedding on account of the travelling.

Miss Richards desired me to copy my bill in my letter and I have done so, you can send the money when it is convenient.

I have not heard from home since I last wrote you.

Write as often as convenient and believe me ever

Your Affectionate Niece

Jane Burritt

Mr. W. Brown

To Mrs. Richards	Dr. To tuition of Niece one yr,	\$ 5,00
French		\$ 5,00
Music and use of piano		\$ 12,00
Board for 18 weeks		\$26,00
Contingencies		\$ 4,75

Washing

\$ 5.83

\$58.58

Troy April 28th 1836

Rec'd.. payment

Mrs Richards

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BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 May 16
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Wey May 16th 1856

My Dear Madam

Your short article of the 22^d ult I received together with a check for \$150 on Wednesday evening and carried it to Mrs. Threl. He called on Friday afternoon till after Richards you wished me to remove to Mrs. Willard's. He said she did not like to have me there but nothing more. Mrs. T. left saying she would call the next day to pay my bill and I must be ready to accompany her home. I went immediately about preparing my clothes to leave when Mr. T. called again. I learnt from him that Mrs. Richards had written a note declaring that I should not leave the house until they had seen your letter allowing me to leave. He said was rather surprised that her word should be doubted but thought the letter came with my consent showed it to Miss Richards who after reading it excused Mrs. T. of interfering in your affairs called her a liar and invited her in every possible way. She had always liked me before but now said she found she had been altogether mistaken in

on my dinner for I said to her and very beautiful in not telling her that
I had written to know whether I should remain in her school or not —
Perhaps I did wrong in keeping it from her but that such a case had
the opinion in the second degree and I concluded after seeing the effects of it
it would be best to say nothing about it until I heard from you —
I remained with Mrs Richards one quarter and a fortnight on the next and
Mrs Richards made out my bill for two quarters but Mrs Paul paid for one
quarter and wished to pay for the fortnight I had remained after the
quarter closed but Mrs Richards said no that at the close of the present
quarter she should send my bill to you as though I had remained with her
during the whole term but you know that you placed ^{me} at Mrs Richards
for ~~some~~ particular length of time and even if you had it is customary
in her school and in Mrs Willards to pay only for the time a young lady
remains on the school therefore they cannot oblige you to pay it and
it is Mrs Pauls wish that you will not. If they could you please tell
them that it was your own wish as I could not have said
privately with them as with Mrs W. as you were with Mrs I should
mean to her school and that Mrs W. had nothing to do about it —

That they treated Mrs Paul politely as they should have done told me
at I left after the quarter commenced I must pay for the whole
term Mrs W. might possibly have concluded to let me remain if
should it and your approbation (although they could not compel me
to pay) And after visiting Mrs Paul perfectly comfortable and untroubled.

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they since I should not stay even if I wished it and of course
that I would not undertake any when I was not wanted —

I feel very thankful to Mr Paul for acting for me the best
friends and accomplished it handsomely through the circumstances
placed him in a very unpleasant situation —

Mr Paul called upon Mr Willard the school commenced
on Monday of the present week I shall remain here until the
time then take up my abode in a new school where all are
perfect strangers still I think I shall enjoy myself and be happy
there — Now that I hope that if I have done wrong in asking
to remove to Mr Willard's or in any other way that you will
forgive me for Mr Paul sends his respects to you and desires
may have the pleasure of seeing you to the north this summer
please write often and faithfully believe me ever your
affectionate friend

James C. Burdett



Mr 18th
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William Pinney Green

New Orleans

Mobile

Recd 23 June
May 16 1863

Troy May 16th 1836

My Dear Uncle

Your short epistle of the 26th ult I received together with a check for \$150 on wednesday evening last and carried it to Mrs Vail. She called on friday afternoon told Mrs Richards you wished me to remove to Mrs Willards. She said she did not like to have me leave but nothing more. Mrs V. left saying she would call the next day to pay my bill and I must be ready to accompany her home. I went immediately about preparing my clothes to leave when Mrs V called again. I learnt from her that Mrs Richards had written her a note declaring that I should not leave the house until they had seen your letter desiring me to leave Mrs Vail was rather surprised that her word should be doubted but brought the letter and with my consent showed it to Mrs Richards who after reading it accused Mrs V of infering in your affairs called her a liar and insulted her in every possible way. She had always liked me before but now said she found she had been altogether mistaken in my character for I was a liar and very deceitful in not telling her that I had written to know whether I should remain in her school or not -- Perhaps I did wrong in keeping it from her but Uncle such a case had happened in the school before and I concluded after seeing the affects of it it would be best to say nothing about it until I heard from you. -- I remained with Mrs Richards one quarter and a fortnight on the next Mrs Richards made out my bill for two quarters but Mrs Vail paid for one quarter and wished to pay for the fortnight I had remained after the quarter closed but Mrs Richards said no that at the close of the present quarter she should send my bill to you as though I had remained with her during the whole term but you know Uncle you placed me at Mrs Richards for no particular length of time and even if you had it is customary in her school and in Mrs Willards to pay only for the time a young lady remains in the school therefore they cannot oblige you to pay it and it is Mrs Vails wish that you will not. If they write you please tell them that it was your own wish as I could not have such privileges with them as with Mrs. W. it was your own wish that I should remove to her school and that Mrs V had nothing to do about it. -----

Had they treated Mrs Vail politely as they should have done told me if I left after the quarter commenced I must pay for the whole term Mrs. V. might possibly have concluded to let me remain should it not meet your approbation (although they could not compel me to pay) but after treating Mrs. Vail perfectly unladylike and improperly they said I should not stay even if I wished it and of course Uncle I would not wish to stay where I was not wanted -- I feel very

thankful to Mrs Vail for acting for me she went forward and accomplished it bravely though the circumstances placed her in a very unpleasant situation ---

* Mrs Vail called upon Mrs Willard her school commences on Wednesday of the present week I shall remain here until that time then take up my abode in a new school where all are perfect strangers still I think I shall enjoy myself and be happy there. Now Uncle I hope that if I have done wrong in asking to remove to Mrs Willards or in any other way that you will forgive me for Mrs Vail sends her respects to you and hopes she may have the pleasure of seeing you to the north this summer

Please write often and

believe me ever Your
affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 May 28
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

May 28th 1834

My Dear Son,

[illegible]

On account of my entering the house
when it was so far advanced, I am obliged to think, pretty hard & long.

As with my various duties for I have to dine and write two hours before
with them, who have been through their studies once or twice, and are
now preparing for examinations. Mrs. Willard has about one hundred
and twenty five scholars one hundred and fifteen Latin, fifty or sixty Hebrew
The school is full enough. I think of in regard to the teachers.
of the pupils, and certainly so, if we have reference to the teachers.
I take these duties of the teachers, who is considered as excellent
teachers is very pleasant and at the same time very, particularly the teacher
I have not had a very agreeable person to go to before this time.
Mrs. Betsy Clark meets from 9 to 10 in the morning, and I have
very glad I have some time to sing in the evening for sing sing
I think is highly conducive to a persons health and is particularly
adapted to the station of a scholar, in the morning is the best time
to study, when the mind is clear and free from anything which can
disturb it. About eighty of us have Mrs. Willard and a number of
other teachers had a most delightful ride to the station on the rail
road last evening. The last and the dinner cost us ~~the~~ dollars apiece.
I arrived too late of the thought of accepting for me to go the
longest not and advised me to go, and as I had not had time to
look at all since I have been here, I have been very much surprised. Just
before school I went and had a very pleasant time of some
new acquaintances and friends. You think I have right in going
I shall be sorry for to stay but should you think it necessary
in me. I had much rather study at home and depend myself
of that promising pleasure than to have done at all contrary
to your feelings. I recollect a letter from Father last week they
in all sorts he tells me that "Haniel Burt" has gone to the valley
of the Susquehanna as a missionary and that "Bettina" Burroughs thinks
of going. Hope Perry goes to England next week for his health which is
very poor. I subscribe the dedication of St. Bernards church a few days
since, think I never heard better singing it and truly beautiful.
I think St. Landmarks church this quarter, which is surely opposite
the highway. I have subscribed for the New-Englanders a monthly
work for biblical in Norfolk on the recommendation of my teachers before.

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Left Mrs. Richards, and must acknowledge that I am ^{very} disappointed
in it. It is very well for persons who have been in all kinds of working
but nothing very substantial in it. The Lord who takes it with him
at very much I believe, the price is for dollars a year. I have subscribed
for it a year ago being then born at yourself on its last head of it.

I was expecting a letter from
you every day as you said in your last. You should write again
soon and I believe you are very particular on your to fulfill your promise.
The Post is expecting Mrs. Richards and Edward this spring and my soon I
believe as she has not heard for a long time.

You find me looking on of all I
find a good many mistakes. But that person in school I find
my time is wholly occupied and when I write am obliged to
wait a moment for a moment then which is very difficult for
nothing else. I hope, not when I should be able to read
and so I shall be glad as it is for your writing eyes to correct
me from most affectionate
Yours to the point

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From 183
[Signature]

M. William P. Brown
Mobile Ala

June 2nd 1892
May 28 1892

Troy May 28 1836

My Dear Uncle

I entered Mrs Willards school on wednesday of last week. Here I am in the midst of a great number of young ladies and with some of them here formed a partial acquaintance. So far I like the school much. My studies are Musick, Logick, Botany, and French, Their mode of teaching French, is very different from that to which I have been accustomed. Here they study the Grammar, translate, read French which I never did at Mrs Richards. My teacher is from France, and probably understands the language. Mrs Willard, I like much better than I anticipated. If a person wishes to know her the only way is to "come and see" She invited me in her room, and conversed with me like an equal. and Mrs John Willard (her sons wife) I think is almost equal to her. she is a perfect lady in her manners, and so pleasant and amiable, in her disposition a person could scarcely help loving her. still she can look sharp enough when a reproof is necessary. On Wednesday and Saturday the last hour in the morning (from teachers to) the schollars all assemble. Mrs Willard generally reads some instructions & selected pieces, reports any who have behaved improperly and then closes with prayers, I like the rules. They are strict enough and at the same time to much so for the advantage of the pupils We are allowed to go out shopping once a fortnight. They allow me to call at Mrs Vail's every week visit once a fortnight.

On account of my entering the time when it was so far advanced, I am obliged to study pretty hard to keep up with my various classes. for I have to learn and recite the lessons and those who have been through their studies once or twice and are now reviewing for examination. Mrs Willard has about one hundred and twenty five boarders, one hundred and between sixty & seventy schollars. The school is full enough, I think if we regard the benefit of the pupils, and certainly is so if we have reference to the teachers. I take Music lessons of Mr Bacchus, who is considered an excellent teacher is very pleasant and at the same time very particular he thinks I have not had a very experienced person to give me lessons heretofore. Our Botany class meets from six to seven in the morning, and I am very glad I have some lessons to oblige me to rise early for early rising, I think is highly conducive to a persons health, and is particularity adapted to the station of a schollar, as the morning is the best time to study, when the mind is clear and far from anything which can disturb it. About eighty of us besides Mrs Willard and a number of

other teachers had a most delightful side to Sasatoga on the rail road last week. The cost and the dinner cost us two dollars a piece. I asked Mrs Vial if she thought it extravagant for me to go. She thought not and advised me to go and as I had not been out to ride at all since I have been here have been confined pretty close to school I went had a very pleasant time & formed some new acquaintances and Uncle if you think I done right in going I shall not be sorry for so doing but should you think it extravagant in me I had much rather staid at home. and deprived myself of that pleasure than to have done at all contrary to your principle. -- I received a letter from Mother last week. They are all well she tells me that Harriet Burritt has gone to the valley of the Mississippi as a missionary and that Catherine Burroughs thinks of going. Miss Perry goes to Vergennes next week for her health which is very poor. I attended the dedication of Dr. Beman's church a few days since, think I never heard better singing, it was truly beautiful. I shall attend Dr. Snodgrass's church this quarter, which is directly opposite the seminary. I have subscribed for the Knickerbocker, a monthly work published in New York on the recommendation of my teachers before I left Mrs. Richard and must acknowledge that I am somewhat disappointed in it. It is very well for persons who have time for all kind of readings but nothing very substantial in it. Mrs. Townsend takes it and like it very well I believe the price is five dollars a year, I have subscribed for a year. You may have seen it yourself on at least head of it.

I am expecting a letter from you every day as you said in your last you should write again. soon and I believe you are very punctual in to your promise, Mrs Vail is expecting Mrs William Edmond this Spring and may soon I believe as she has not heard from her in sometime.

Dear Uncle in looking over my letter I find a great many mistakes and blots but when in school I find my time is wholly employed and when I write am obliged to snatch a moment here a moment there which is very different from sitting down taking time in writing you a letter at one time Should I keep it to copy I know not when I should be able to send it and so I will send it first as it is, for your eyes to correct.

Please to write often and believe me ever your most

Affectionate Niece
Jane E. Burritt

ARCHER, PAMELIA
To Harriet Archer
1836 June 20
ALS

Maryland Historical Society

This is to her sister, Harriet. Pamela asks for things from home to decorate her TFS room. She describes the contents of her room: 2 bureaus, a bedstead, 2 small tables, a wash stand, and 3 chairs. Each girl is responsible for cleaning her own room

Biography - Pamela was the daughter of Stevenson and Pamela B. (Hays) Archer. She was born at Churchville P.O. near Bel Air, MD. Her father was Chief Justice of the Courts of Appeals in Maryland. She was a student at TFS from 1836-1838. Pamela married Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain of Newark, Delaware. They had 11 children, five of whom survived to adulthood. One son became Attorney General of Oregon. Her last address was Natchez, Mississippi.

Pamela's sister, Laura S. Archer, attended TFS from 1832-1834.

Tracy Temple, Summary
Tuesday June 26th 1886

Dear Harriet,

I received your letter on Friday last and
intended answering it yesterday but could not find time.
If you are as punctual as myself I shall be satisfied
you must write to me of ten and must wait for an an-
swer to any of your letters for I will write whenever I have
a time. You must also put Hannah and Nancy
in mind of writing to me of ten, tell Elizabeth that
nothing would give me more pleasure than to receive a
letter from her. She must write first and I will most
certainly answer her letter.

How do you like your school? when you write you must
tell me all about your school and what you are learn-
ing, for I am very anxious to know, I suppose you
write compositions every week. I will give most letters copy
one of your best compositions and tell me in what
kind of a way you can write.

I suppose Hannah will have received my letter before you receive this and is thinking about answering it. I hope she has not showed it to any one if she has you must tell me and I will never make her another word. Tell her she may take my word for it.

I suppose Brother James and his wife have a school home on this place. It tells me how long he intends staying and when he is coming to see me. I suppose Miss Maria Noble and Mr. Poirer will be at our house this summer. You must tell me whether they are coming or not, indeed any thing relating to home or near it will interest me.

If Maria comes with Brother when he comes to day I want you to send me all my little boxes and any of yours if you have them to spare. The girls here keep a little table in their rooms covered with all sorts of things. Ask Maria to give me that little red box she used to keep her mementoes in. Tell her I will trade it down to her safe again when I return.

I have to stop every once and awhile and listen to the masses for I am surrounded with it. Harp, Pianos, and Fiddle on one side. Guitars and Accordion on the other. I forgot to tell you I want you to send me all my little story books not forgetting the Ladies ones. Look to Miss Sally Doll and give me.

We have very severe storms here accompanied with thunder and lightning. There was a very large tree struck. The other I am not more than twenty yards

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from the Anniversary Mt we all very much alarmed at the
shock of the 11th.

There has been a very large fire in Perry since
I have been here. I will now give you
a description of the furniture of my room, it consists of two
beds and, a bedstead, two small tables, wash stand, and
three chairs. It is all about one room.

You must tell what kind of sleep you get also don't
mention each one separately when you write for I very an-
xious to hear from all. Tell Sunday and how you get
after think of them. My love to all. Write soon

and believe me to be your
aff. devoted Sister

Pauline Ashmun

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Troy Female Seminary Tuesday June 20th 1836

Dear Harriet,

I received your letter on Friday last and intended answering it yesterday but could not find time. If you are as punctual as myself I shall be satisfied. You must write me often and never wait for an answer to any of your letters for I will write whenever I can find time. --- You must also put Hannah and Nancy in mind of writing to me often, tell Elizabeth nothing would give me more pleasure than to receive a letter from her. She must write first and I will most undoubtedly answer her letter.

How do you like your school? When you write you must tell me all about your school and what you are learning for I am very anxious to know. I suppose you write a composition every week. In your next letter copy once of your best compositions and let me see what kind of a one you can write. I suppose Hannah will have received my letter before you receive this and is thinking about answering it. I hope she had not showed it to any one if she has you must tell me and I will never write her another word. Tell her she may take my word for it.

I suppose Brother James and his wife have reached home this you must tell me how long he intends staying and when he is coming to see me. I suppose Miss Maria and Mr. Turpin will be at our house this summer you must tell me whether they are coming or not, indeed any thing relating to home or near it will interest me.

If Laura comes with Brother when he comes to Troy I want you to send me all my little boxes and any of yours if you have them to spare. The girls here keep a little table in their rooms covered with all such things. Ask Laura to give me that little red box she used to keep her miniature in tell her I will take it home to her safe again when I return.

I have to stop every once and awhile and listen to the music for I am surrounded with it. Harp, Piano, and fiddle on one side guitar and accordion on the other. I forgot to tell you I want you to send me all my little story book not forgetting the "ladies own book Cousin Sally Dallam gave me.

We have very severe storms here accompanied with thunder and lightning. There was a very large tree struck the other day not more than twenty yards from the Seminary We very much alarmed at the shock it produced.

There has been a very large fire in Troy since I have been here. I will now give you a

description of the furniture of my room, it consists of two bureaux, a bedstead, two small tables, wash stand, and three chairs. We each clean our own room. You must tell what kind of dresses you got also bonnet. --- Mention each one separately when you write for I very anxious to hear from all. Tell Lindey and Margaret I often think of them. My love to all. Write soon and believe me to be your affectionate sister

Pamela Archer

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 July 19
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1837-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

May 22nd 1936

From our way with *Phacelia* *distichocarpa*; for plants taken from this plant are very different from those, and most similar to the *distichocarpa*, and I have no doubt, that in the collection of these two species.

Two little fish appeared & just as we were about to leave the
place, we observed that a small boat had been passing, some distance

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I have been thinking of you a great deal lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you a great deal lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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James L. Smith



Mobile A. L.

June 6, 1856
May 19, 1856

PATCHIN, MARIA
To Thaddeus Patchin
1836 August 9
ALS

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Letters written to her two brothers, Aaron and Thaddeus from January 1830 to September 1836. They concern her desire to attend Emma Willard's school to be distinguished as a scholar and then repay for her schooling by being a teacher for Emma Willard and her later disenchantment with Mrs. Willard. She writes about flirtations, disappointments, hopes and plans for her life as well as raging cholera and small pox epidemics which leave her untouched.

Maria Patchin was a student at Troy Female Seminary from 1829 - 1831.

Spencer F.
Mrs Williams

Burlington August 1-9th 1836.

My dear Brother

I have received several letters
papers & pamphlets from you for which I am
very much obliged. I am glad to hear of your
safe arrival in New York and that your health and
prospects are so good. If you go west, you will
find it rather lonely for a few months, but I
am full that our home and our interests is there
we can enjoy life, even in a wilderness.

I have always imagined Rome to be a very delightful spot. although I know very little of it from experience, but from being assured of this I have learned a very useful lesson which may eventually be of more value to me than any other piece of knowledge I could have gained.

Commencement took place on Wednesday last. The exercises were said to be more than usually interesting. There were a great many strangers in town and some little effort made to be gay. The President saw Company in Commencement training, and Prof. Cather gave a large party that night. Mrs. C. had friends here from New-Orleans who consider themselves the very height of the city, quite above associating with business men, they are the big ants which have got up to the top of the hills and look down with contempt upon us at the foot of it. But

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... some days being with these same ministers. Indeed
the salary remained insensible of it. Mrs. Tolland is re-
ported to be about to have already arrived, & intended
to go up there about the first of September next. They
will in so short a time left the dwelling after her retirement
from Patching, and I have not seen her since. She
was very well when I heard from her last.

They have quite a revolution in the ranks at South-
wicks. I have long felt well about this. They
are now and then with me from their I suppose
they are at home before this, and perhaps perhaps
up for a picture of Paul being engaged to see the
Children. I'm very sorry to hear of this and that I
should be pleased to receive a letter from her
also from Mrs. Davis and some time from sister
Marion

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Richard W. Johnston
New York

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BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 August 16
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Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

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Sund. August 11th 1856

My Dear Dear Anne

I received your letter of the 10th and during
my examination and was much surprised as well as
astonished at the contents of those pages for I had
from one of my sisters thought I had been written
such a letter. The first question which arose
in my mind, and one which I could not answer
I left as usual, to a young man who I indeed I
knew none, but must acknowledge that I had
in mind from your careless style. As you wished
me to write one to the challenge after the conclusion I
will do so. But I am sure you are knowing
how very unpleasant we should have felt in that
situation. But this thought Mrs. Willard (that alone)
perfectly scotch. Another source of awkwardness to
us was the fact, which was caused to be attended
to deliver lectures on education. We were not only annoyed
to do, but had to see such numbers of men
called on from all directions being filled with
anger and revenge. I was the first called on and
and I have been to the last. I cannot say how this

The following are the names of the persons who have been admitted to the Roman-
Catholic Church in the city of Rome, during the year 1845.

to leave intention to break up housekeeping soon. It will be like losing a mother and a home when she goes.

My total account amounts to \$20.30 including all I have spent since my residence in Troy, and it seems like a large sum to be spent in so short a time.

My bill for the last quarter is \$49.24 and I have \$38.75 on account of the school. Consequently I have \$10.49 sent to you now. If you wish it I will send you the bill and the billard made at once.

other and the family were well
when Mrs Edmund left Copenhagen.

From Green St. Station
N.Y. Jan 1
Rev. Mr. Williams P. Brown

Jane Barnett
Aug 16. 1836

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Troy August 16th 1836

My Ever Dear Uncle

I received your letter of the 11th while during our examination and was much surprised as well as mortified at the incorrectness of those passages you copied from one of my letters. How could I ever have written such a letter was the first question which arose in my mind, and one which I could not answer. I offer no excuse, for its many mistakes for indeed I have none, but must acknowledge that they were all made from pure carelessness. As you wished me to write one of the passages after its correction I will do so. We all felt very sorry for her knowing how very unpleasant we should have felt in her situation, but still thought Mrs. Willard had done perfectly right. Another source of unhappiness to us was the mob, which was caused by an attempt to deliver lectures on abolition. We were not only annoyed by it but frightened to see such members of men collect in front of the Seminary being filled with anger and revenge. It was the first mob I ever saw and I hope will be the last. I cannot say how this looks but it sounds a little more "gramtical" to me.

Mrs. Edmond and Sarah are now in Troy, but expect to leave tomorrow for Vergennes. Sarah has been spending some time in New York and Mrs. Edmond came down with Catherine Burroughs who has gone to Canandaigua to be educated for a missionary. Mrs. Vail is preparing to leave, intends to break up house keeping soon, It will be like losing a mother and a home when she goes. My cash account amounts to \$200-30 including all I have spent since my residence in Troy. and it seems like a large sum to be spent in so short a time. My bill for the last quarter is \$94-21 cents I paid \$30 upon entering the school consequently I have \$64.21 cents to pay now. If you wish it I will send you the bill as Mr. Willard made it out. Mother and the family were well when Mrs. Edmond left Vergennes.

From your Affectionate Niece, Jane Burritt

Mr. William P. Brown

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 September 6
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

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My dear Mr. Webb

My dear Mr. Webb

I have been waiting for an answer
to my letter, hoping that you would consent to my writing
my own sketch of "Lentils," but as the same
subject has been taken, I have not been able to do so.
I have not been able to do so.

But of the garden I have
heard at the very best, but the "Willow" being gone
away, and most of the young ladies, making it
quite lonely. The two last weeks I have
been with Mrs. Lyndell, Perry, and now with
with Mrs. L. I have not very long here I suppose
for, and I often think it would be very pleasant
could you stay in when it was in a while.

Cornelia Colman

will accompany her back to the south, and Mrs. M.
Harris anticipates going at the same time, & I think
they will have a very pleasant party. Mrs. Belmont &
Frank will take their leave of them at New York.

I received a letter from
Mother a short time since she and the child
were very well. I would like to have you
tell me in your next what studies you wish me
to pursue this term, if you wish me to take drawing
painting or any thing of the kind.

Mrs. West sends her respects, may I not
hear from you soon.

Yours affectionate niece

Jane Brown

P.S. As I think perhaps you would like to see my Bill I will
copy it here

21
 Board and Station for 11 weeks — 68-00
 Station in France — 7-75
 Medical on the Point — 00
 Rec of Paris — 2-00
 Station — 1-30
 Military — 88
 Books 4-80
 Medical for Paris — 54
 Medical for Paris — 54
 Postage 1-79
 Total \$ 94.21

Jane Purvitt
Sept 6. 1836



Troy September 6th 1836

My Dear Uncle

I have long been waiting for an answer to my letter, hoping that you would consent to my visiting Vergennes during the vacation, but now as the term commences so soon, I suppose I must give up seeing my friends and content myself here.

Part of the vacation I have spent at the seminary, but Mrs. Willard being absent, and most of the young ladies makes it quite lonely there. The two last weeks I have been with Miss Elizabeth Perry and am now with Mrs. Vail. We are all very busily here I assure you, and I often think it would be very pleasant could you look in upon us once in a while. Cornelia Edmond will accompany Mrs Vail to the south, and Mr & Mrs Warren anticipate going at the same time, so I think they will have a very pleasant party. Mrs. Edmond and Sarah will take their leave of them at New York. I received a letter from Mother a short time since she and the children were then well. I would like to have you tell me in your next what studies you wish me to pursue this term, if you wish me to take drawing painting or any thing of that kind.

Mrs. Vail send her respects. May I not hear from you soon.

From your Affectionate Niece Jane Burritt

P.S. As I think perhaps you would like to see my bill I will copy it here.

My board and tuition for 11 weeks	60-00
tuition in French	7-30
Music on the piano	15-00
Use of piano	2-00
Botany	1-30
Stationary	-88
Books	4-50
Music for piano	-54
Music primer	-30
Postage	1-79

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PATCHIN, MARIA
To Thaddeus Patchin
1836 September 16
ALS

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Letters written to her two brothers, Aaron and Thaddeus from January 1830 to September 1836. They concern her desire to attend Emma Willard's school to be distinguished as a scholar and then repay for her schooling by being a teacher for Emma Willard and her later disenchantment with Mrs. Willard. She writes about flirtations, disappointments, hopes and plans for her life as well as raging cholera and small pox epidemics which leave her untouched.

Maria Patchin was a student at Troy Female Seminary from 1829 - 1831.

Albany N.Y. 18th 1844

I suppose I may by this
time congratulate you upon your arrival in the
delightful village of Simsbury. I hope you find
every thing there as comfortable, and as desirable
as you could wish. I often think of you and
fear that you will find it rather lonely for
the first few months, but as you say we can
have every thing hearty to our mind, so we may
try to make the best of it. I often wish I could
see you for a while, but the difference we had
in our last interview I still love you, and could
to you very soon the better than I did, and for your
kindness to me I have, and shall always feel a
gratitude which I can never express.

My life had been changed and lengthened
I have been crossed in some of my fondest wishes
which had been a love trial to me, but I think I
can trace in all this a kind Providence, and I
believe so long all things will come around
about right. I hope before many months to see
you a happy husband, and Charlotte your lo-
ving wife, and though I did for a while feel bad
that I have you smiling, I have overcome it now, and
that is all I can do.

As for myself, I have been too
ambitious, I have aimed my hopes and expecta-
tions in forming a commission for life higher than
a poor dependent nephew had a right to do,
you have done every thing you could for me
but my advantages came rather late. My

my life was spent in the most lamentable
poverty I am ashamed when I think of it, when
I was twelve years old I did not know the
grand dimensions of the globe, and a few months be-
fore I was thirteen I entered Mrs. Holland's school
as instructed as our girls at this time are, I remained
for six months and came to New York for the first time
I then began to open my eyes, and when I returned
to the Seminary I improved fast I remained there
months and closed my school education at the
age of twenty-one - just the time when their girls
are settled in life. Now all this could not be
helped, you could do nothing before - there was no
one of experience to direct my friends, I was too ig-
norant to do it myself & consequently it was left
to my teachers at the Seminary, and now let me
ask what interest it does Mrs. H. feel for girls entering
her school? I did, what does she care? I can tell
you if they have friends of wealth and influence Mrs. H. cares
for them and great pains are taken for them, I hear
the same about Mrs. H. made more of Mrs. H. than are at
this time going ladies in her school who are respected
just as I was and they feel it but help it they
cannot, and that is the reason many of Mrs. H. while
and feel so little attachment to her now. It is a good
place for the girl, but not for the poor. But these
days are over, and by travelling, good company and
reading I have now a good & plain education, perhaps
better than half Mrs. H. Holland, but French, music, &
other ornamental branches I know nothing of, except as
I took drawing lessons once. I am in the disadvantage
I have labored under - I have been boosted along with both
hands till as it were, without a mother's good counsel
and how could it be any better than I am. Oh if I ever
have the change of children I shall know how to assist
them by my own sad experience. And now here I am

without either wealth, youth, or family, to lend their aid
the consequence is I am both disappointed, and discouraged
as to the great power of all good, I have two brothers
willing to do every thing in their power for me
though I may have to contend with poverty for a
while, many other obstacles, yet all will come out
well.

Now I know of a certain young man who had
some questions that related to distinguishing himself
he had no friends to depend upon, but he had
talents and he had talents too, and he had guided
himself with his shield and buckler and determined
to go through to the end. Now this young man by his father's
providence has finished his education and other
things. I noticed his close application to business,
that there slight he had studying, I saw with what
industry he endeavored to please, I saw how this
young man and temperant he was, and I felt interested
in him. He is a modest friend of mine, has given me a history
of his life, and a first rate education but in fact
he has under many disadvantages, the most formidable of
all is poverty, he intended to commence the study of law
but he found that his poverty, you see, it would be slow and attended
with many difficulties, from this man is promising, and
I have a friendship with him which I think will be the best
and of his efforts can attend with some of effort one
of the best of my friends with him, if you wish to do a noble gen-
eral, give him some of your influence and get him to please
you, or rather give C. M. and do as well by him as you
can. I do not wish you to depend on me, upon him, but
on your influence, and get him a cashiership as soon
as possible, and then of no influence but must you
be the friend of one no longer. I tell him I would do
anything for you and among his fears, and I never saw
a gentleman so afraid of me, he says banking would con-
flict with his taste and inclination, and that the inducement
which he has had for the last few years, I think he
is of just the right material, and if he had but
a chance he will succeed. After all what is wealth? A young
man of good principles, and good health, and had promptness
and decision of character, with the aid of your

I have not failed to succeed. There is often chance to be good, and
 I have no doubt but you will do all you can for him, if he had
 gone to the very bank, where he could have the advantage of good
 society, and have off a little stuff of manners, I think it would
 be liberating, but you and Anne will not in consent, and I have
 no doubt but you will do the best you can that you can, and I hope
 he will prove a good & friend & good as ample to repay your
 attention as bankers & people have confidence in you & I am glad
 to see you having so much good as you are, Edward must
 never consider you a failure. The young man I say has made
 you a compliment indeed, it must have been a great thing to you

Maria Ritchie
 Sept 4-56

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Charles W. Ritchie Esq
 Charleston S.C.
 New York



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as well as to us all, your efforts have been crowned with success
 you & I have shared your labors, by quiet alone, and your services
 yourselves established in reputation and in history, and you can be
 around your friends who are some of the struggle, the effort which
 it has cost you and can glory in your success. I have up to
 date this morning and shall remain here until I hear from you
 if you will be disappointed and extend but I hope with disappointment
 when I tell you it is at the prospect of your academy in
 Charleston, being a man of wealth and standing commenced

ARCHER, PAMELIA
To Harriet Archer
1836 September 27
ALS

Maryland Historical Society

This is to her sister, Harriet. Pamela writes about attending (during the school vacation) the weddings of four TFS teachers: Heart, Hudson, Hotchkiss, and DeCourval.

Biography - Pamela was the daughter of Stevenson and Pamela B. (Hays) Archer. She was born at Churchville P.O. near Bel Air, MD. Her father was Chief Justice of the Courts of Appeals in Maryland. She was a student at TFS from 1836-1838. Pamela married Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain of Newark, Delaware. They had 11 children, five of whom survived to adulthood. One son became Attorney General of Oregon. Her last address was Natchez, Mississippi. Pamela's sister, Laura S. Archer, attended TFS from 1832-1834.

21
Troy Female Seminary
September 29th 36.

Dear Harriet

Your last letter I received several weeks ago, and intended answering it long ago, but always found something to prevent. I hope however you will never wait for an answer to any of your letters for I will write whenever I can conveniently do so. I suppose you have returned to school before this and commenced your studies, when you write you must tell me what you are learning, and what classes you are in.

I suppose Brother James is on his way to Mississippi. You must tell me when they started, and which way they travel, and when Sister Hannah intends returning, and who is coming home with her. Do not forget.

Does Jane Fennell go to school yet? I suppose she was at our house very frequently when you were at home. When you see them, give my very best love to them, and tell them, I should be very

happy to receive a letter from them - Does Sarah Henry
still go to school to Miss Norris, and does she learn Music.
And Ellen Davis what has become of her, in our days I
have not had a letter from her this long time. When you
see her tell her I will not trouble her with another letter
in a hurry. I write her a half a dozen letters to her mother.
What has she to do that keeps her so much engaged that
she cannot find time to write me a line -

Does Hannah stretch over talk of coming to Long?
So persuade her for my sake, I am sure she would like
this school. Tell her she must try and beg Uncle
Robert to let her come next spring or summer. I
am sure Uncle Henry would let her come if her
father did. When is Ellen Davis going to Long? and
how long does she intend staying?

My studies this term are Algebra, Euclid
Music on the Harp, and Piano, Old Testament, and
Writing. I will also attend the lectures on Chron-
ology which are to be delivered this winter. I presume
they will be very interesting.

I have attended your wedding the vacation -
Miss Heart, Henderson, Hotchkiss, De Courval all there
this last term -

As I have a very hard Euclid lesson to learn,
I will close - Give a love letter soon to your sister

Pauline H. A.

Full year ad 50
month to write 2/16/4

1894
Miss Harriet H. Cohen
Bristol, Tenn.
Cherokee Co.
Care of Joseph Smith - Maryland

Troy Female Seminary Sept. 27th 1836

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Does Hannah Archer ever talk of coming to Troy? Do persuade her for my sake, I am sure she would like this school -- Tell her she must try and beg Uncle Robert to let her come next Spring or Summer -- I am sure Aunt Mary would let Nancy come if Hannah did-- When is Ellen Davis going to and how long does she intend staying?

My studies this term are Algebra, Euclid Music on the Harp, and Piano, Oil Painting and Writing. I will also attend the lectures on Chemistry which are to be delivered this winter. I presume they will be very interesting

I have attended four weddings this vacation. Miss Heart, Hudson, Hotchkiss, DeCouvna all teachers last term.

As I have a very hard Euclid lesson to learn, I will close-- Good bye Write Soon to your sister.

Pamela H. A.

GUERNSEY, LIVIA
From B. M. Drake
1836 October 6
ALS

Amherst College
Archives and Special Collections
Emma Hart Willard Papers

A letter from B. M. Drake offering her a position at The Elizabeth Female Academy.

Livia was the daughter of David and Esther (Rogers) Guernsey and was born in Clifton Park, New York. She attended the Seminary conducted by Miss Sheldon in Schenectady, and then the Cazenovia Seminary. She appears in the 1836 and 1837 catalogs of the Troy Female Seminary. She later taught in Charlotte, Vermont and for three years she was Preceptress of Cazenovia Seminary, N. Y.

In 1843 she married the Rev. William Griffin and traveled with him as he served a variety of churches over the next 25 years. She died in 1895.

21
Washington, D.C. Oct 6th 1892
Mr. Lydia Garrison,

You have been recom-
mended to the Board of Trustees of
the Elizabeth Peabody Academy in this
place, by the Rev. Bradford Briggs,
late of Louisville Kentucky, but
now President of the above named
institution, as a prospective
fill the office of Principal Governor.
I am authorized by the Board to offer
you that situation, at a salary of
six hundred dollars per annum, including
your board including a well furnished
room and washing. I am well to expect
the rest of your own. I am in the
The Board was informed that
you were willing to come for five
hundred dollars, having your expenses
paid. The Board considers the offer
more liberal than your demand.

I am further authorized to say
that if you know any one well
qualified to instruct in music
on the Piano Forte, who can come
well recommended, she will find
employment here at a salary of
four hundred dollars per annum
and her board as before. I will
add that we shall be pleased to
hear from you by the first mail, and
more pleased to see you by the first
convenience that can reach us. I forbear
saying more to you as Mr. Rogers has
promised to write. I will only say
from personal knowledge the loca-
tion is salubrious. The school opens
next Monday and will probably be
full before you can reach. Should
you land in Hatching inquire for the
residence of Peter Little Esq. near the
landing. Where by announcing your
name and business you will be
hospitably received.

Very respectfully

M. M. Drake
Pres. Board Trustees C. of Acad.

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Miss Lydia Gurnsey

Care Mrs Emma Willard

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WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH

Emma Willard School Archives

To Mary K. Williams

1836 November 7

ALS

Mary Elizabeth signs herself as Elizabeth in all of the correspondence.

These ten letters, all but one of which are addressed to her mother, contain much information about TFS. These include: TFS daily life, housekeeping responsibilities, courses available, standing for examinations, and school rules regarding when and to whom a student can write letters. Particular incidents about Emma Willard are: the death and funeral of Willy, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willard; the burglary of Mrs. Willard's and her adopted daughter, Pauline's, clothing and jewelry; and the arrival of a box of "curiosities" from Mr. Poor of Ceylon (father of Susan Poor, a student at TFS). A course called Legal Classics was being offered exclusively at TFS. This course, concerning the rudiments of law, uses a recently published text by Mr. Phelps (who married Almira Hart Lincoln in 1831.) Reference is made to teachers: Miss Baker, Miss Allen, and Miss Clarissa Curtis.

In the Troy Female Seminary student directory, Mary Elizabeth is listed as residing in Halifax, North Carolina. The correspondence is addressed to her mother (a widow) at: White Rock, Gretna-Greene Post Office, Halifax County, North Carolina. Elizabeth is listed as a student at TFS from February 1837 until February 1839. Information accompanying the letters states that Elizabeth married Dr. Peter Hawkins and that she lived from 1822-1867.

sub around you except me. My dear son - you my little boy, so old and I am sure have
sick at all you have as happy as I am to all those ever before if I only could get a letter
from you with the long time to go now - now different - in a great way

12
I have not heard from you since I have done it. I have
forgot it though I have thought of you many times. I have
not seen in hopes my dear mother will forgive me
I wish by my dear mother to be in the morning that I should
see or never should find me when I have the very best of health
I hope for nothing that morning at the morning time when I
will be able to write you again. I am sure I will be able to write
you soon and I will be able to write you soon.

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I hope for nothing that morning at the morning time when I
will be able to write you again. I am sure I will be able to write
you soon and I will be able to write you soon.

I was very glad to hear that my dear and sweet little sister
was well. I am sure it will not be long before she
will be well again. I am glad to hear that my sweet
little brother has returned to school. I hope he will be
home he will be quite a large fellow. I am sure that the
three of you were all well. I was glad to hear it as I have said once before.

What is Cousin Charles going to the south for? he is going
to be a merchant, farmer, or lawyer or physician.
I should like to know. I am sure he will do well
if he is where he will when you see him present me

pleas & when you are all gathered around a nice fire side think of some new thing to be
done & even better than the old one. I say you are quite some time at the star will

us with to him. When is Dr. C. Ballard going to start is
he going to buy another place a note. Don't know about
my writing by long my dear ma it does not tell me
if and as it used to you said you intended writing by
Mrs. Willard to have a table made for me it is not
worth while you have a high one and do not sleep so much
as I used to I am very much obliged to my dear ma for thinking
of me so much and I do not think it necessary and it
will trouble you and Mrs. Willard both. We will tell you not
to send your letter with a wagon as it is not paying her lady
ship with respect enough. Send her in a post but almost
that you must not do with writing by I thought I should
tell you this thing that you would read it with a wagon not
then bring any thing about it. I would tell you the whole story
about it but I have not time the spirit of it in the examination
room one addressed his lecture are very important we desire a
great deal of useful knowledge but his lecture was an epistle
his writing & it was an excellent one and there is none but
what we do wish you were here to hear them for I think
they would do any person good let them be who they will.
The notes say little thing and speak to us about & tell us to
quest against it & things that we consider nothing it is of
great importance to let the son of a good woman she has done
a great deal for our sep which has been by much neglected
you know. I have seen her frequently since I have been here the
great writer she is a very ordinary looking woman she came here
stayed several days she came in & had our little upon at that

[illegible]

Mary P. Williams
 White Rock
 Indiana - Evans Post Office
 Hayes Co.
 North Carolina

So I will say that neither my former letter nor
 is quite up to standard pace is the desire
 of you and even appreciate being told
 W. B. Williams

My dear not even in their state & yet in your letter it would have been very acceptable in such case my love to him & to you
me when you see even in my letter your love to her & me
very b. of the fact to me your letter full of love & joy
and the friends of you apart but it would not seem so from
my very letter but from no letters you have not thought it was
for my credit & affection that I will not write which I will

Troy Female Seminary Nov. 7th 1836

My Ever Dear & affectionate Mother

It gave me real pleasure to receive a letter from you with an account of your safe arrival at home; I was happy to hear that they were all well and I am happy to say to you that I have enjoyed better health than I have in twelve months. I have had the head ache only once and I have not had the swimming in my head and on the whole as I said I have enjoyed perfect health much better than I expected to.

I was sorry to hear that my dear and sweet little sister was sick. I am in hopes it will not be long before she will be well again. I was glad to hear that my sweet little brother had fatten so much by the time I get home he will be quite a large fellow you said that they were all well I was glad to hear it as I have said once before.

What is cousin James going to the south for is he going to be a merchant farmer or lawyer or physician or what I should like to know I am in hopes he will do well let him be where he will when you see him present my respects to him. When is Doctor Ballard going to start is he going to buy another place or not. You spoke about my writing to long my dear ma it does not tire me so bad as it used to you said you intended writing to Mrs. Willard to have a table made for me it is not worth while for I have a high one and I do not stoop so much as I used to I am very much oblige to my dear ma for thinking of me so much but I do not think it necessary and it will trouble you and Mrs. Willard both. let me tell you not seal your letter with a wafer as it is not paying her ladyship with respect enough. I heard her say a great deal about that you must seal it with sealing wax I thought I would tell you thinking that you would seal it with a wafer not thinking anything about it. I would tell you the whole story about it but I have not time she spoke of it in the examination room one wednesday her lectures are very important we derive a great deal of useful knowledge her last lecture was on epistolary writing & it was an excellent one and there is none but what are oh I wish you were here to hear them for I think they would do any person good let them be who they will. She notices every little thing and speaks to us about & tell us to guard against it & things that we consider nothing it is of great importance to her she is an excellent woman she has done a great deal for our sex which has before been to much neglected you know. I have seen Mrs. Sigourney since I have been here the great writer she is a very ordinary looking woman she came here & stayed several days she came in & heard our

bible lesson as Mrs. Willard said to Mrs Sigourney as they were going out of the room I have some of the brightest flowers of creation Mrs. S. say yes I think so. Mrs. Willard said I could attend to history very well & I think I can I find it very interesting Miss Osterhout is my teacher she is a sweet woman. In grammar Miss Palmer in arithmetic Miss VanBuskirk & in music Miss Dodd they are all fine teachers. I have written a comp[osition] every week since I have been here. It is my week to be room keeper I have just washed my bowl & picher & swept up my room & made up the bed & fixed it as it should be Mary will be round to look at it directly to see if it is in order.

I am very happy here if I only could get a letter oftener. I have written to my sweet sister. the supper bell is ringing & I have to go down after eating a slice of cold bread & drinking a cup of tea I have finished & commenced writing again so you see.

I have no news to tell you for this is no place to hear news I should be glad to get a paper every now & then do send me one. I will tell you a little news Miss Sawyer & Miss Hart are going to Chalston in Virginia Mrs. W. nice.

I am sorry to tell you of the sudden death of our minister Mr. it was only a few Sundays ago when he was in fine health & spirits & I heard him preached in St. John's church. cousin Patty is practicing on the guitar she has made rapid progress. When you see Aunt Martha kiss her for me & tell her I have read over that note very often & think of her & that it is not for the want of affection that I do not write that I have so many things to attend & when I commence writing I am so often call off that it takes me nearly a week to write as it should be I have been every since Sunday writing this & after all it is hardly possible I can assure you I am very anxious to see you all. Sister has a real fine tone of it she has nothing to do but to play & when you all gathered around a nice fireside think of me here sitting by the stove & cousin Patty playing on the guitar. I suppose you will soon have all the dear little souls around you except me. My dear ma from my talking so do not think I am homesick at all for I am as happy as I can be as I have said before if I only could get a letter oftener. I very often wish I had my time to go over how different I should write in a great many things for instances that morning at the masion house which I can never think of without shedding tears the way that I should speak to my dear dearest ma in the manner that I did but I am in hopes my dear mother will forgive me & forget it though I never thought any thing about it when I said it or I should not have done it. I have thought a

great deal about it & a great many other things. Why did not cousin Ann write a PS in your letter it would have been very acceptable indeed give my love to her & all that ask after me when you see cousin Patty Ballard give love to her & cousin Patty C. Oh I forgot to tell you I had fatten a great deal & grown. Dear Ma I think of you a great deal but it would not seem so from my long silence but I am in hopes you have not thought it was from any want of affection that I did not write which I can assure you it was not dear Ma in thinking of the past I often see where in I erred. You must kiss Tom & brother and sister & tell them to write to me a letter would be very pleasing to me to think that it was the works of their little hands I am in hopes it will not be long before I shall see Lucy E W signed at the end of a letter. Tell Grandma she must write to me I should be delighted to get a letter from her. tell brother he must study hard & stand a good examination. So Farewell my dear mother may heaven bless you & guide you to eternal peace is the desire of your and ever affectionate daughter.

M E Williams

To Mrs. Mary K. Williams

White Rock

Gretna-Greene Post Office

Halifax Co.

North Carolina

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BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 November 20
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

1846

My Friend, Cambridge, Nov 10th

You will find, I trust, by
 turning the date of my last, that I have not written
 you frequently, but as I have been quite so busy
 with school as usual, and I have actually received my
 salary, and my salary is a little less, which is very
 good at the present time, being I presume to the maximum
 of the salary, some days being quite warm, and others
 very damp and chilly.

I have your letter much interesting to read, and
 I find it very interesting, but do you know how happy I am
 to receive a letter from my dear and absent child. I
 think you would find a few moments to write me
 occasionally, I sometimes fear that my numerous letters are
 rather tedious to you, they certainly cannot be very interesting
 except as I am written the presents of the Seminary, I
 certainly can have no opportunity of hearing any news to

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to commiserate, and perhaps no need to remove my
concomitants. I imagine that no ill would be your death
and misfortune, whereas your former numerous this are
will always be not only interesting but interesting
I was very happy to hear of Mrs. Lark's safe arrival
in London, now am very anxious to hear particularly from
their remembrance in relationship to her and Mrs. Christy.

I received a letter
from Sister to day, she informs me that William Burroughs &
his wife in now in Vermont, and intend to remain a year
or more with their Parents. Catherine has very unexpectedly
returned from Canandaigua so that all the family are once
more together.

I will close by repeating my general request, to write and
tell me to be your very affectionate Niece

Ann E. Russell



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William P. Brown, Esq.
North
Albany —

June 20 1836
J. B. Brown

Troy Female Seminary Nov. 20th 1836

You will perceive Dearest Uncle by observing the date of my last, that I have not written you punctually, but as I have been quite unwell I presume you will readily excuse me, I have entirely recovered my health, with the exception of a severe cold, which is very prevalent at the seminary, owing I presume to the uncommon state of the weather, some days being quite warm. and others very damp and chilly.

I know your time must necessarily be very much occupied with business, but did you know how happy I am to receive a letter from my dear and absent Uncle I think you would find a few moments to write me occasionally. I sometimes fear that my numerous letters are bothersome to you. they certainly cannot be very interesting situated as I am within the precincts of the Seminary I certainly can have no opportunity of hearing any news to communicate, and possessing no wit to amuse my correspondents. I imagine that my letters must be very dull and monotonous, whereas yours however numerous they are will always be not only interesting but instructive.

I was very happy to hear of Mrs. Vails safe arrival. her friends here are very anxious to hear particularly from her. remember me affectionately to her and Mrs. Townsend.

I received a letter from Mother to day, she informs me that William Burroughs and his wife are now in Vermont, and intend to remain a year or more with their Parents. Catherine has very unexpectedly returned from Canandagua so that all the family are once more together.

I will close by repeating my general request do write and believe me to be your very Affectionate Niece Jane E. Burritt

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 December 1
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

[1836]

"My Friend Henry 1st Nov."

My Dear Mother

We have had most delightful weather
for some time past, but as I have been very much
afflicted with the ague in my face, caused by a slight
cold, I have not enjoyed it, as I could otherwise have
done. It is quite remarkable that while they have had
snow and cold winter days in Liverpool, our season has been
very much more pleasant, more sunshiny & spring, than
winter. Our school is quite large this term. Most of the
pupils are strangers which perhaps is not quite as pleasant,
but I perform quite as well as usual, & nothing is more

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natural than that coming from different representatives in
America from satisfaction which when long continued has
a peculiar tendency to distort our minds from reality.
The result here is in every part of the city and it being
so contagious we are grateful that it will reach the country.
I think it is quite a remarkable fact that so long as the
alliance has taught "white" and so many young ladies, as
she has had under the charge, that then her power has
a death among her people. Mary is generally a very healthy
little fellow, and the same thing is to be very regular
both with regard to his diet, exercise, and indeed all
our habits. I spent this evening (yesterday) very pleasantly
with Prof. Harding my room-mate & furthermore you have
not forgotten that day as you have spent several
of them in Vermont. I am very happy to hear that
his hair is growing; he has all felt very anxious
about the loss he has of his hair.

Mother and the children
are well the last time I heard from them.

From your very Affectionate Son

Samuel Smith

Dr William Thomas Brown

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Troy Female Seminary 1st December, 1836

My Dear Uncle

We have had most delightful weather for some time past, but as I have been very much affected with the ague in my face, caused by a slight cold, I have not enjoyed it, as I could otherwise have done. It is quite remarkable that while they have had snow and cold winter days in New York, our season has been very mild and pleasant more resembling spring, than winter. Our school is quite large this term. Most of the pupils are strangers which perhaps is not quite as pleasant, but I presume quite as beneficial for nothing is more natural than that among our different acquaintances we should form intimacy which when long continued have a peculiar tendency to divert our minds from study. The scarlet fever is in every part of the city and it being so contagious we are fearful that it will reach the Seminary. I think it is quite a remarkable fact that as long as Mrs. Willard has taught school, and as many as young ladies as she has had under her charge, that there has never been a death among her pupils. Troy is generally a very healthy city I believe, and the rules oblige us to be very regular both with regard to study, exercise, and indeed all our habits. I spent Thanksgiving (yesterday) very pleasantly with Miss Landing my roommate. I presume you have not forgotten that day as you have spent several of them in Vermont. I am very happy to hear that Mrs. Vail is recovering. We have all felt very anxious about her since we heard of her sickness.

Mother and the children well the last time I heard from them.

From your very Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

Mr. William P. Brown

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
1836 December 15
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

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[1836]

My Dear Sister, January 18 December

My Dear Sister

I cannot imagine what can be the cause of
Mother's long silence. I fear she is not well, or she would
have answered me long ago. I feel more particularly
sensitive to loss from her on account of her ill health.
Although I have been here some time, I still feel as if I were
in a land of strangers, and almost without a friend. I
have some consolations however, there is one to whom I can
go at all times, and though my heart may have been
grieved, if I am faithful and humble, he will forgive me
when in the next breath from pardon at the sanctuary. I
called upon him a few days since and found them very
pleasant and interesting young ladies. They were quite separate
and the Warrens, the little Miss Warren accompanied them as
far as Boston. They are also acquainted with several the Warrens

but with my dear sister was included among the number of the
I could not resist. But I could not get at the time of the
gentleman that corresponded with my description of yourself.
I would say much like to hear from Columbia University. The last
I heard from her she was just ill. By the way as I just
happened to think of what Mr. Williams told me I must repeat
it. He thought that I was one of the most scornful, full
in the house. Now don't you think that quite a compliment?
I feel quite proud of it. I address you. Please remember me to
Mr. and Mrs. Brewster and also other engineering friends.

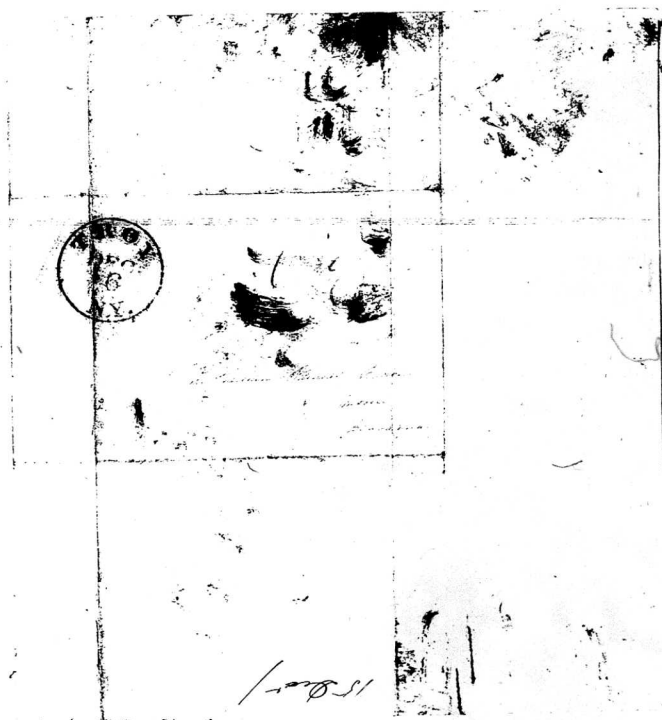
That I may at last be happy as to hear
from my dear friends as the whole world of you

affectionately yours

Saml. Brewster

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Troy Female Seminary 15 December

My Dear Uncle

I cannot imagine what can be the cause of Mothers long silence. I fear she is not well, or she would have answered my letters before this, I feel more particularly anxious to hear from her on account of her ill health. Though I have been here some time I still feel as it were in a land of strangers, and almost without a friend. I have one consolation however, there is one to whom I can go at all times, and though my sins may have been great, if I am penitent and humble he will forgive me. There are two Miss from Mobile at the Seminary. I called upon them a few days since and found them very pleasing and interesting young ladies. They were well acquainted with Mrs. Warren, her sister Miss Warren accompanied them as far as Boston they were also acquainted with Mr. but my dear Uncle was included among that number or not I could not ascertain but I concluded not as she knew no gentleman that corresponded with my description of yourself -- I would very much like to hear from Cornelia Edmund. The last I heard from her she was quite ill. By the way as I just happened to think of what Mrs. Willard told me I must it. She thought that I was one of the most economical girls in the house. Now don't you think this quite a compliment? I feel quite proud of it I assure you. Please remember me to Mrs. Vail and all others inquiring friends.

That I may at last be so happy as to hear from my absent friends is the ardent wish of your

Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, February 20
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

[1837]

My dear Henry

With unfeigned gratitude and pleasure my
 dear friend has acknowledged the receipt of your very kind, and
 generous letter, which I received a few moments since. You say I feel
 upon the receipt of this, was proportioned to the proof. I feel truly
 as if you have been benevolent and intended solely for my good
 and happy am I to say that such, that I feel, at least
 myself trust, that it has been the means of doing me good.
 I think of how kind you have been to me in rather this way, that
 and imperfect manner, as I am to be examined this
 afternoon and cannot write further, in penmanship alas
 tomorrow, and I shall write you soon faithfully.

I remain dear friend, your affectionate friend
 J. Smith



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Troy Female Seminary Feb. 20th [1837?]

With unfeigned gratitude and pleasure my dear Uncle do I acknowledge the reception of your very kind, and forgiving letter, which I received a few moments since. The joy I felt upon the reception of this was proportioned to the grief, I felt upon the reception of yours, six long months since, I feel truly as if your punishment was intended solely for my good and happy am I to say Dear Uncle, that I feel, at least humbly trust, that it has been the means of doing me good I think my dear Uncle you will excuse me or rather this very short and imperfect scrawl, as I am to be examined twice this afternoon and cannot write farther, Our examination closes tomorrow, and I shall write you more particularly

I remain dear Uncle your Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

PHELPS, ANN
To John Phelps
1837 March 3
ALS

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Daughter of Judge John Phelps and step-daughter of Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps. Almira was the sister of Emma Willard and acted as principal at TFS when Emma Willard made her journey to Europe. Ann attended TFS from 1836-1838.

This letter concerns an upcoming party following the examination period, and family matters.

May 23rd 1854

March 3rd 1854

Dear Father

This is the last day of school with Isaac. He is now set to work answering your kind letter. You wished to see how I improved in writing, do not judge of this letter as my hands are very tired & have been these days getting ready for a party we are to have here this evening. We have moved most of the desks from the schoolroom and have adorned the room with the young ladies' pictures. The windows are all curtained, and it all looks very nice, but have, given me other, an invitation. but I do not think I will accept it.

The examination is passed, and the vacation has almost expired, as you may well know so this is no news, we have had a letter from the lady, she is now well, in body and mind, and this is all the news I can tell you, I am not in the place to have news, I cannot believe any.

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You will wish to know how I got along at
the examination, all I can say is I came off
without missing. I did well & done out
day, but brother will tell you.

I was spending a day in the city a short
time since, at Judge Buel's. Judge Buel had
heard Emma made a few savings before
and he was delighted. He said, "the small
con. position - she is. it was much this."

Emma and I are closed, came off very
well, and they feel very well. Satisfied
with themselves.

Mother has made us a very
short visit, though sweet, but I desire
that this is not the only visit we can be
have from home this summer here (that is)
Emma, Jane & mother are expecting
to see about August; Esquire Phelps accompa-
nyed by lady and children here and hope you will
not disappoint us. Will you accept this short
letter, with the promise that I will soon write
a long letter to you from your daughter.

John White Esq.
Baltimore

Troy Fem. Sem. March 3 1837

Dear Father

This is the last day of Mother's visit, I have therefore set to work answering your kind letters you wished to see how I improved in writing, do not judge of this letter as my hands are very tired, I have been three days getting ready for a party we are to have here this evening, we have moved most of the desks from the schoolroom and have adorned the room with the young ladies pictures, the windows are all curtained, and it all looks very nice we have given mother an invitation but I do not think she will accept it.

The examination is passed and the vacation has almost expired as you very well know How so this is no news, we have had a letter from Helen, she is very well, in body and mind, and this is all the news I can tell you, I am not in the place to hear news so I cannot relate any. You will wish to hear how I got along at the examination, all I can say is I came off without missing, but how well I dare not say, but mother will tell you.

I was spending a day in the city a short time since, at Judge Bael's; Judge Bael had heard Emma read a few evenings before, and he was delighted, he said the composition she read was read

Emma's and Jane's classes, came off very well, and they feel very well satisfied with themselves.

Mother has made us a very short visit though sweet, but I desire that this is not the only visit we are to have from her this summer, we (that is) Eunice Jane Emma & Ann are expecting to see about August Esquire Phelps by lady and children here and hope you will not disappoint us. Will you accept, this short letter, with the promise that I will soon write a long letter to you from your daughter Ann.

WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH Emma Willard School Archives⁴
To Mary K. Williams
1837 March 16
ALS

Mary Elizabeth signs herself as Elizabeth in all of the correspondence.

These ten letters, all but one of which are addressed to her mother, contain much information about TFS. These include: TFS daily life, housekeeping responsibilities, courses available, standing for examinations, and school rules regarding when and to whom a student can write letters. Particular incidents about Emma Willard are: the death and funeral of Willy, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willard; the burglary of Mrs. Willard's and her adopted daughter, Pauline's, clothing and jewelry; and the arrival of a box of "curiosities" from Mr. Poor of Ceylon (father of Susan Poor, a student at TFS). A course called Legal Classics was being offered exclusively at TFS. This course, concerning the rudiments of law, uses a recently published text by Mr. Phelps (who married Almira Hart Lincoln in 1831.) Reference is made to teachers: Miss Baker, Miss Allen, and Miss Clarissa Curtis.

In the TFS student directory, Mary Elizabeth is listed as residing in Halifax, North Carolina. The correspondence is addressed to her mother (a widow) at: White Rock, Gretna-Greene Post Office, Halifax County, North Carolina. Elizabeth is listed as a student at TFS from February 1837 until February 1839. Information accompanying the letters states that Elizabeth married Dr. Peter Hawkins and that she lived from 1822-1867.

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Mr. Haas & Williams,
Sarina Street, D.
Hafslund County,
Hollandsland.

1888. I'm not alone some enquiring friends tell Foster and brother that I will write to them soon and that they must write to me. I tell them then Martin that it would give me a great deal of pleasure to receive a letter from my friends. There is nothing of religion to receive a letter from my friends. There is nothing of mine. May the Almighty his grace and protect my dear friends from all the miseries of this world. I am the sincere wish of your ever affectionate daughter, Mary Ann.

Stuffy is sending her a very handsome dress.

Troy Female Seminary March 16, 1837

My Ever Dear & Affectionate Ma

I suppose you do not know what to think of my not writing to you before when I received yours it was only a day before the examination and I could not answer it immediately and I thought that I would wait untill the term commenced and then I could tell you what my studies are as I suppose you would like to know and that is the reason that I have delayed writing to My dear mother so long I have nothing new to tell you I think I have said in one of my letters before that this is no place for news.

But I forgot to say that I have a little for once. I will now tell you what it is and that is the examination was most of the time crowded and the young ladies or most of them stood a very good examination the last afternoon there was so many they could not get in they had to stay in the hall and a small room opposite the examination room.

I will now tell you the days that I came up and what hours the first day I came up which was on Tuesday and the last hour in the morning in history and also, the first hour in the afternoon in the same by looking over some of my other letters you will see who is teacher of that well I never came up any more untill friday then I came up the first hour in the morning in grammar and the second hour in arithmetic. I had no more to recite until tuesday next to the last day then I came up in history again so upon the whole I came up five times, three times in history and once in grammar and arithmetic.

I suppose that you want to know what my studies are this term they are Euclid Ancient and middle history grammar and arithmetic Mrs. Willard wanted me to take Algebra but I told her I would rather wait untill next term as I should not take arithmetic then but could take that in its place.

Now I suppose that you would like to know how we spent our vacation and where well we spend all here except one day and evening that we spent at Mr. Warrens and very pleasantly two

I will not tell you of the famous slay ride as I suppose you read cousin Martha's letter she gave a fine description of it. I went and enjoyed myself very much. I like slay riding very much but not near so well as I do the carriage but let me assure you-- I shall never be injured or spoilt by riding in a carriage in Troy I don't think I have been inside of a carriage once and only once

and just to think in seven months most. I hope the next carriage I get in will be yours but I am afraid not from what you said in your letter but I shall dwell no longer on that point but will leave that too discuss some other time when I shall have more time so I will pass on too some thing of more importance.

Cousin Martha received a letter from Miss Baker this morning, she had no great deal to say she spoke of Aunt being like a mother and she said several other things that showed that she is contented from what they say off her at the seminary I should think her an excellent teacher her sister Miss Emily is very small She is an excellent teacher I am in one of her classes it is arithmetic I forgot too tell you who my teachers were this term. but it is not to late yet so I will commence now and perhaps I shall get through after a while they are Miss Lincoln in History she is Mrs. Willard niece, Miss Van Burskirk in Geometry, Miss Dodd in music, Mrs. Hinsdale in grammar so now you have the whole.

I have all very good teachers and they all very kind to me. You wish too know something about my health well it is very good and I have enjoyed my health ever since I have been with the exception of a headache or little sick two or three times we cannot expect to our health always we will be sick some time.

They all going to walk as soon as tea is over so I want to finish my letter before they go so I can go to I am oblige to but then I want to finish this.

I wish I was at the south to hear the sweet little birds sing for it is a thing that I don't hear here and I want to be in your garden to see the flowers for I have seen very few flowers here and I have not seen one this spring I don't think all I have seen since I have been here was last summer. I have not said anything about my pigeons lately how do they come on, write me some thing about I should think you might make out page after page to tell me if you thought proper.

Ma do write me soon & have your letter long I don't care how it is written just so I can make it out wether it is in French or Dutch. I have just been in Mary room & she sent her love and said that I must tell you that I was a very good child. My paper is all covered & I have not said near all what I wanted too I have not said any thing about the dear little ones how are they and do they come on? How is grandma & what does she intended to do is she going to Tennessee & you or not if I had room I could ask you a thousand more questions I can almost tempted to cross this but you do not like to see them crossed so I will not do it. I know I could or

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at least I think so. I have never written to cousin James but I have sent him a catalogue so I thought that would be the same as a letter for him are you aware that it is against the rules for little girls to write to young men I suppose you are not.

P. S. Give my love to all inquiring friends tell Sister and Brother that I will write to them soon and that they must write to me tell Cousin Ann Maria that it would give me a great deal of pleasure to receive a letter from her. I believe there is nothing more. May the Almighty guide and protect my dear ma through all the changing scenes of life is the sincere wish of your ever affectionate daughter Elizabeth

Patty is making her a very handsome dress.

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WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH

Emma Willard School Archives

To Mary K. Williams

1837 April 8

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I will not say that I am not going over to some
 place in the country but I am not going over
 and my mother is married but I am not going
 in summer to some place and I am not going
 the pleasures that are to be derived from being
 at home a pleasure that will not any of
 so soon. Nothing new nor strange has come
 today. I write you now last letter what my studies
 were and all about them. I should like to
 take leave of the reader in some way. I am
 if you are not pleased to write, let me know
 it will be no disappointment. I have not
 taken any upon as yet nor said anything
 about it.

I must go. Mother says for you or next sum-
 mer and I anticipate a good deal of pleasure in
 seeing you. You can not imagine how much
 I should like to see you. I am and the children
 nothing could afford me more pleasure
 than to see you all.

I shall write to cousin Charlotte in a few days
 I guess she does not know what to think of me.
 I am ashamed to write to her. I have not
 written to her in so long a time. Do tell me
 in your next what has become of cousin
 Martha. I suppose she is still in existence
 you never mention her nor Aunt
 Martha and a good many more at home
 that I should like to hear from. Do write
 me often now since Patty has left me
 the right way to write is to take a sheet

I will not say that I am not going over to some
 place in the country but I am not going over
 and my mother is married but I am not going
 in summer to some place and I am not going
 the pleasures that are to be derived from being
 at home a pleasure that will not any of
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 take leave of the reader in some way. I am
 if you are not pleased to write, let me know
 it will be no disappointment. I have not
 taken any upon as yet nor said anything
 about it.

and write a little every leisure moment - I don't
care how it is written so I can make out to
read it and tell some some thing a bit
every body and every thing. I will tell you this
is Saturday afternoon I am sitting by the window
in our chair & my feet in another with my pen
in my left writing on it you can think I have
book I think is nothing I suppose as she is not in
here. I will tell you a little news from Sarah's
friends they were all well when she last heard
from them & Mrs. Rice is going to stay awhile only
with his Sisters that is all I can tell you about
them. Mrs. Holmes presents her compliments to you
and told me to tell you she would be a mother
to me in the place of you until I return to
when cousin Patty you can leave every thing else
for. Ma ma I am very much obliged to you for
the things you sent me & I sent you all a few
too she says you will like them & I would have
sent some thing to I don't know but did not see
any thing that I should have liked. I had
very little time to get any thing in it was raining &
I could not walk much for fear of getting my
feet wet it is very disagreeable weather now it is
wet & rainy & it is quite cold. how much Patty will
enjoy herself I don't know but I think the flowers
are all out there & here we have to be honest
up. So just as you please about the matter you
need not consult my pleasure for just what you
I am willing to because I think you know best. give my
love to all my friends I am sure of saying I should like to

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 to tell me in her next what studies she is taking this
 term, & all about them. Keep the children for me.
 I have nothing more to say. May the Almighty
 guide & protect you through all the changing
 scenes of life & prepare you for every thing to the
 praise of your ever affectionate daughter
Elizabeth



Dear Mary at Williams
 Mass
 Nov 10 1846

They are all gone to school and have about my so much. I feel that
 I would go on with my writing when you see it. I shall
 keep her for me & tell her what to do. but I have so
 much to do that I cannot do it. but I will tell you
 if you want to know. I am sure it would please
 you. I have written three sermons off though it is nothing
 more than I should do. but I never did it before.
 you know we receive these articles for doing so. when I have
 time I will write to you & mother both. that
 they must not write for me to them no more but they
 must write to me as they have nothing to do & tell their

Troy Female Seminary April 8th 1837

My Dear Mother

On going to the letter list and not finding my name there you cannot think how disappointed I was then. I determined to write to you and then perhaps I would get a letter for it is what I most desire. No my dear Ma I cannot complain of you for you have been very good you have written to me twice since I wrote or at least since you have received one from me.

I received yours by Uncle William and answered it but I forgot to give it to cousin Martha and she went away without it you lost nothing by it for it was not interesting by no means I can assure you, you said that you had not received any answer to your last letter. I mean the last one I had before Uncle Williams I answered it and told you all the news I knew which was not much.

I miss cousin Martha very much every where I go all that is said to me is your cousin has gone home has she not? are you not lonely with out her my answer is yes. I should think you would be so they say you used to stay together so much next is you don't look right without her. Martha and when they come in my room the first thing is this room don't look right without Patty I will stop my foolishness and pass over to some thing of more importance by the time you get this cousin Martha will be there enjoying the pleasures of home or she should be enjoying the pleasures that all to be derived from being at home a pleasure that I will not enjoy soon. nothing new nor strange has occurred lately. I wrote in my last letter what my studies were and all about them. I should like to take lessons on the guitar if you are willing if you are not perfectly willing let me know it will be no disappointment I have not taken any lesson as yet nor said anything about it.

Dearest of Mothers I expect you on next summer and I anticipate a great deal of pleasure in seeing you. you cannot imagine how much I want to see you, Grand Ma and the children nothing could afford me more pleasure than to see you all. I shall write to cousin Charlotte in a few days I guess she don't know what to think of me I am ashamed to write to her. I have not written to her in so long a time. do tell me in your next what has become of cousin Martha

_____ is she still in existence you never mention her nor Aunt Martha and a good many more at home. that I should like to hear from do write me often now since Patty has left me the right way to write is to take a sheet and write a little every leisure moment. I don't care how it is written so I can make to read it and tell me some thing about every body and everything. I will

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tell you this is Saturday afternoon I am sitting by the window in one chair & my feet in another with my map in my lap writing on it you can think how I look Sarah is visiting I suppose as she is not in here. I will tell you a little news from - Sarah's friends they were all well when she last heard from them & Mr. Rice is going to stay until July with his sisters. that is all I can tell you about them. Mrs. Holmes presents her compliments to you and told me to tell you she would be a mother to me in the place of you, until I return to when cousin Patty you can learn every thing about her. Mamma I am very much obliged to you for the things you sent me & I sent you all a few books. I hope you will like them & I would have sent something to Grandma but did not see anything that she would have liked & I had very little time to get anything in it was rainy & wet & I could not walk much for fear of getting my feet wet it is very disagreeable weather now it is wet & rainy & is quite cold. How much Patty will enjoy herself I almost envy her to think the flowers are all out there & here we have to be housed up do just as you please about the guitar you need not consult my pleasure for just what you I am willing to because I think you know best. give my love to all my friends I am tired of saying I would like to get a letter from Cousin Ann Marie but give my love to her when you see her. Why is that none of them don't write to me I received a letter from brother sometime ago I don't know what I mentioned it in my other letter. Write me as soon as you get this & tell me all the news from Washington & how you liked Please don't show my letters & particularly to Cousin Martha. Tell her I shall write to her in a few days and also Olivia Smith & p. Archer & Mrs. Holmes says she will write to her as soon she gets a letter from Patty she is going away in seven weeks. I believe I have mentioned all.

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They are all gone to tea I did not care about any so I concluded that I would go on with my writing when you see Aunt Martha kiss her for me & tell her I would write but I have so much to do that I have not time. Let me tell you if you won't think me vain as I think it would please you I have written three sermons off though it is nothing more than I should do but I never did it last term. You know we receive two credits for doing so. When I have time tell Sister I will write to her & brother both that they must not wait for me to them as often but they must write to me as they have nothing to do & tell me in her next what studies she is taking this term & all about them. Kiss the children for me. I have nothing more to say. May the Almighty guide & protect you through all the changing scenes of life & prepare you for eternity is the

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prayer of you affectionate daughter

Elisabeth

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POOR, SUSAN
From Ann Knight Poor
1837 May 11
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

This letter from Susan's step-mother (living in Ceylon), Ann Knight Poor, contains news about the arrival of new missionaries as they pass through Rev. Poor's missionary area. In addition to family news, Mrs. Poor (at Rev. Poor's request) writes corrections to Susan's spelling and grammatical errors which were in her last letter. Mrs. Poor sends her regards to Mrs. Willard.

Susan was the daughter of Susan Bulfinch and Daniel Poor. (Daniel Poor was a missionary in India and his biography is included with this letter.) Her residence is listed as the Island of Ceylon. She lived with relatives in Peabody, MA from 1834. Susan attended TFS from Sept. 1836 to August 1838. She taught for some years in families and private schools. Susan married Jesse St. John of Orange, NJ in 1857.

[illegible]

I have had a journal letter on hand to you dear sister for some time
 & hope to get it off soon - in that you will find many things mentioning
 which you have not been informed of - I hope dear sister will be paid by
 heaven's wisdom in all her movements - Your Papa & I have found it
 we should be permitted some time to deliver him from in London -
 I don't expect to know whether the dear old woman that the dear sister
 has on Jan. 11/55 - Please to offer my very kind regards to her sister
 good Mrs. W. & her family - I am sure they will always prove
 very acceptable to me & I am quite sure I am always

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

My dear sister - I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. & am
 very glad to hear from you - I am sure you are
 very well & hope you will continue to be so - I am
 ever your affectionate brother
 J. W. W.

May 11th 1837

My very dear Susan

It is a most pleasant task to me to write an envelope to your dear Papa's full letter, though it must be done at present in a hurry, as it is to be sent to Madras by a Bandy that starts early to morrow morning. We have had the pleasure to welcome three new missionaries & their ladies to day, or rather last evening, who were sent to this mission. We all dined at Mr. Todd's table to day, 14 in numbers to that it has been quite a joyful day with us. The journey has proved very fatiguing to the ladies and Mrs. Steele was unable to proceed further. Than is suffering from inflammatory rheumatism in her limbs. Most who have arrived appear to be excellent persons. I should be glad to see Mrs. Ward by whom you sent a letter but they are united with Madras Mission.

Mrs. has another daughter. This is her tenth living child and you know she has buried four. Henry is in the New University in N. York, he expressed a wish to become a missionary. William continues to give pleasing evidences of piety of the church which he attends, who has daily intercourse with him, write of him as being a "child of much & fervent prayer & the most inoffensive amiable boy he ever met with." Mrs. S's begs to be affectionately remembered to _____. Amy is living at Madras with Mrs. S's. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence are just going to Dindegall with the Dwights 40 miles west of Madras. Your last letter but one, dear Susan written in the time of your vacation though written rather neatly was done carelessly and in order to induce you to take more pains in future your Papa has requested me to write a copy of most of them with the corrections as follows.

Solecisms	Corrections	Solecisms	Corrections
One of the teachers have been married.	has	I shall see	I will
Obesance	Obeisance	next will look	shall
Dancing	dancing	disappointed	disappointed
writting	writing	encourageing	encouraging
I reckon	I think or presume	priviledges	privileges
unsally	unusually	desircable	desirable
reckon	think	prof	proof
central	central	realise	realize
considerable	considerably	teesh	teeth
varigated	variegated	there is not ten are not ten	are not trouble
copy it over	copy it	but what is troubles	think of
		thing of	

the place she now
she has in view of going
seperated

The place to _____
She thinks of going
separated

If all is well
about sister _ going
what she will

If all be well
about sis _____
that she will

I have had a journal letter on hand to your dear sister for some time & hope to get it off soon, in that you will find many things mentioned which you have not been informed of. I hope dear M. will be guided to heavenly wisdom in all her movements. Your Papa & I have fondly hoped we should be permitted some time to welcome her again in India.

I should be glad to know whether Mrs. Hinsdale received the letter I wrote her in Jan. of /35. Please to offer my very kind regards to her & to good Mrs. Willard, a line from either of them will always prove very acceptable to me. It is quite time I was asleep. My sight is very poor & this must be my apology for my hand writing. I am contemplating a visit to very soon to see my dear brother & assist in fitting dear Henry out for a voyage to England to be put to a school there. Your affectionate mother.

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, June 3
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

My dear Mother

My dear Mother

I commenced writing you yesterday my regular
 morning epistle, but as I was at Worthington and I had been from home
 some in the city and I was anxious to be there before long
 life, I postponed my letter until today, and spent the afternoon
 very delightfully with Mrs. and Mr. and the children, and it
 was the greatest and most comfortable of my life. I had almost
 forgotten in my mind with the more freedom of them when
 you at it with them that we have spent the happiest hour
 of our lives. We have then given up of the world
 and the everlasting thought, that of all our possessions, we
 considered every thing as light and transient, as it appears
 unimportant even further through the distance with them.
 I feel free from any thing that could affect me further.



W. S.
Express

Wm. S. Brown
Atty
at Law
100 N. 3rd St.
Phila.

Troy Female Seminary June 3, [1837?]

My dear Uncle

I commenced writing you yesterday my regular writing day, but as Mrs. Huntington and daughter from home were in the city and I was anxious to see them before they left, I postponed my letter until to day, and spend the after noon very delightfully with Sarah Jane. How pleasant it is to meet old friends and companions of our childhood. What delightful associations are connected with the mere mention of their name for it is with them that we have spent the happiest hours of our existence. We were then young ignorant of the world and the unsatisfying deceitful nature of its amusements. we considered every thing as bright and beautiful as it appeared, anticipated our path through life bestrown with thornless roses, free from any thing that could disturb our peace, or mar our happiness, surely then this may be considered as the happiest and indeed the only happy part of our existence. This is truly a most beautiful day. The park surrounding the Seminary is covered with a most charming carpet of green. The tree in front of my window has grown to a considerable size, and affords a most delightful shade. All is still and then some gentle breeze stirring the leaves, and waving the beautiful grass at its base. Still as cheerful as every thing looks around me, I am not happy. man is the symbol of ingratitude notwithstanding all our Heavenly Father has done to render this earth beautiful. Notwithstanding all he has bestowed upon us every variety of season, and indeed every thing that the heart of man can desire. Still so prone are we to walk in the path of disobedience so fond of sin that it is impossible for us to be happy.

I received a letter from Mother yesterday. Her health is improving though not very good. Mrs. Edmond passed through Troy a short time since on her return to Vergennes. She appeared as cheerful and happy as ever.

Remember me to Mrs. Vail & Townsend and believe me ever your Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

Mr. William P. Brown

WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH
To Mary K. Williams
1837 June 10
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

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I have been writing for some time but the ink is all left blank. I have not been writing for some time but the ink is all left blank. I have not been writing for some time but the ink is all left blank.

My dear friend
 Sunday evening

I am ever a faithful brother.
 The sun is setting in the
 far west and all is still and quiet. I am sitting
 by the window and gazing at the whole of the
 vast home in wondering about you all at home
 none will home. I am nature to my self exactly
 how every thing looks just as the sun is
 shedding his parting rays of light stillness
 reigns the buzz of the industrious bee is no longer
 heard the birds cease their warbling and
 nothing is heard except the cry of a distant
 whistling such kind can picture
 and as such will never be obstructed
 from my mind.

The church bell is ringing and the
 people are assembling in flocks of ten or
 three except now and then there is a
 larger number. I received yours the
 21st of May dated May 2nd and it was
 willingly received that when I got it I was
 almost ofered to burn it for I thought it would
 be a nuisance some had said

but as it happened it did not but if it
 contained the best and that you all enjoyed
 good health and were very happy.
 I am not so anxious about the state of
 my health yet my health is very good and
 I am not at all ill but I have not at
 all enjoyed the same like to be with you
 all very much but is impossible but please
 do not think I should be here & it is a very
 good feeling for me. I have got this for my
 mother & I think I will be very happy in my
 time if it is better than I have had much
 better. That a disadvantage is here than they
 are in the building I think I be satisfied
 from those I love & myself though it is
 with reluctance. I think if you were to
 give me my choice I stay or I go home
 I think I should prefer to stay. As I
 have I think I may at least as much
 in my other school in books I mean but as
 for the other kind of knowledge I don't
 think so much Mrs W. & the other ladies lectures
 have been very good. I don't like
 at the rest of the week they are well
 calculated to improve or increase at any
 thing else. The country is the finest
 I have seen there is I do not believe there
 is another such. When I reflect on her
 virtues how much good she has done &
 especially for her own sex I cannot help

would write & let me know. We had taken
 the names of the girls down that wished
 to go to the college & had planned it all out
 now when time would go, when Mr. Wilson
 set it all up by saying that the times
 are too hard for the times
 hope they will grow better before we
 come home. Good morning love, your devoted
 friend,

I have no time to be sure to
 tell you of all news & such
 the take up very soon
 when church work of them in
 is out so they can't do any
 work in the church but they
 are doing it in the best way
 they can. I hope you will
 be home soon. Love
 your friend



Mrs. Mary E. Williams
 100 West 10th St.
 New York, N.Y.

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 tell you of all news & such
 the take up very soon
 when church work of them in
 is out so they can't do any
 work in the church but they
 are doing it in the best way
 they can. I hope you will
 be home soon. Love
 your friend

Dear Mary, I am so like a mother that I
 am sure, that there were a good many dark
 women in the world it seems as if the most
 cannot escape the hand of providence, good
 things instead of flouting, & her good should find
 out of her faults which are good & she will
 look at her own virtues, but it will always find
 right in its contemplation, but I must persevere
 in this a great weight & I shall sleep, give
 my love I will tell Mary I wish soon I have
 for a great deal I tell her & I hope they all
 will be the same. Good night my dear
 ever affectionate Elizabeth

Dear Mrs. Williams

I am so often wished to write a few
 lines to you in a letter but my time is so much
 occupied when I am able to return to writing, that
 I cannot now have to write to my mother.

I think I am improving in every respect and
 is more contented than I have been. I have a
 deep interest in your affairs and never see with
 out me any of your little grievances. I am monthly
 to assist you, you know where there are some
 old-fashioned humors and dispositions as there are here
 we often meet with reactions and some times from a
 wrong opinion of others feeling towards us. But I
 would be sure not to forget the man my own child and
 feel pleasure in seeing, when I think of all your kind
 help to my child. I trust my warmest wishes for
 the happiness of you and your C. Court

I am sure the history of your mother's life
 is a story of the little secret, of the little things
 which are the most precious in life. I am sure
 that you will find in the history of your mother's life
 a great deal of wisdom and a great deal of love.

Troy Female Sem. June 10th 1837

Dear & ever affectionate Mother

Sunday Evening

The sun is setting in the far west and all is still and quite. I am sitting by the window I have spent the whole of the last hour in musing about you all at home Home sweet home, I can picture to myself exactly how everything looks just as the sun is shedding his parting ray of light stillness reigns the buzz of the industrious bee is no longer heard the birds cease their warbling and nothing is heard except the cry of a distant whippoorwill such scenes can I picture and as such will never be obliterated from my mind.

The church bell is ringing and the people are assembling in parties of two or three except now and then there is a larger number. I received yours the 27th of May dated May 22nd and it was willingly received but when I got it I was almost afraid to break it open fearing it would communicate some bad news but as it happened it did not but of all it contained the best was that you all enjoyed good health and were very happy. I know you are anxious about the state of my health well my health is very good and I am very cheerful I am not homesick at all though I would like to be with you all very much but as providence has placed it so that I should be here & it is for my good I willingly stay I have got this for my motto to make myself happy in any situation if it is possible when I reflect how much greater the advantages are here than they are in dear Carolina. I submit to be separated from those I love as myself though it is with reluctance. I think if you were to give me my choice to stay or to go home I think I should prefer the former, as to learning I think I might learn as much in my other school in books I mean but as for the other kind of knowledge I don't think so. Now Mrs. W. Saturdays lectures I learn more from one of them there I do in all the rest of them weekly. They are well calculated to improve our morals as any thing else. She certainly is the finest woman there is. I do not believe there is another such. When I reflect on her virtues how much good she has done & especially for her own sex I cannot help from loving her she is like a mother to us all it is a pity that there were a few more such women in the world it seems as if she was raised up by the hand of providence great many instead of speaking of her good deeds speak only of her faults which are few & do not look at her virtues. Mrs. W. will always stand high in my estimation. Mrs. C. request permission to write a post script so I shall stop - give my love to all tell to write soon I got a great deal to tell her & I hope they all will do the same, good night I am your own affectionate

Elizabeth

Dear Mrs. Williams

I have often wished to write a few lines to you in E. letters but my time is so much occupied when I am able to attend to business that I hardly have time to write my children.

I think E. improves in every respect and is more contented than she has been. I take a deep interest in her affairs and when she will tell me any of her little grievances. I am nearby to assist her, you know where there are so many different characters and dispositions as there are here we often with vexation we some times form opinions of others feeling toward us. But I watch over her as though she were my own child and feel pleasure in so doing. When I think of all your kindness to my child accept my warmest wishes for the happiness of you and yours C. Curtis.

Mrs. Curtis has written her first script & the sides are left blank. It is Monday morning. I have no time else I would, I have got to study my euclid lesson for tomorrow we have been over the first book three times, the second book twice & the third book once & reviewing it -- The examination is close at hand. I hope the hard times will not prevent your not on. I can tell you it is out ragious here hard both books & times & both ____ makes it rather bad to deal with if you know the hurry I am in you would excuse the looks of this little scrawl. Kiss the children for me I received brothers letters since I wrote last & Aunt Marthas tell her I shall answer it soon. Oh wish I had more time. I have no time to send love so you must give it at any rate, we have powerful times first one thing & then another. Tell Patty to write & then I will tell her all about it you would not understand it if I were to tell you so it is useless. Has Patty received the music I sent her if she has I wish she would write & let me know. We have taken the names of the girls down that wished to go to Saratoga & had planned it all out how & when we should go. When Mr. Willard up set it all up by saying the times are too hard expect for the times I hope they will grow better before I come home. Good morning I'm still your Elizabeth at Troy

Caroline Rice is to be married this fall & the worst of all news is they take up every southern merchant - & put them in jail as fast as they enter New York they are determined to be revenged the reason is because they are not able to pay their debts. Oh how it provokes me to hear such things especially about Northerners.

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My dear & affectionate son
St. Louis, Monday, June 17, 1885

It was not unusual that word to you but
have been anxious to see Mrs. Allen since it was about two hours
ago that I went to see her. I was with a view to keep Allen in
company. She is a warmer than I am, she is several hands of
attention that we wish to look at. But she was not under
hand and she wished to be treated to get back who was
the mother to take letters with a short letter about a week
and a day and was not so much as that and
Mrs. Willard wishes her to stay at Mrs. Willard's if it will
not soon make the family and she said that if
she could not stay at Mrs. Willard's that she could
at your house if you were willing and that she
could go to Mrs. Willard's once a week
and take letters as she would not be a regular
visitor. Mrs. Willard says that either of you would
like her very much by complying with the above
request and also Mrs. Allen which there no doubt.
She asked me that is Mrs. W. if I thought Mrs. Willard
would receive her. I told her I thought not she
said if he would she a Mrs. Allen either
would be willing, I pray much for the trouble.
I hope Mrs. Willard & you either will take her
for Mrs. Willard is so anxious about her and
another thing. Mrs. W. is anxious in her health.

good by the little house, I'd go too. If you please tell Patty I will
 be as soon as the probability can tell me I've got some
 furniture new & tell me I'm almost in a degree of
 life you but I can not. I have the most of my about
 it I have not time to do so. I have the most of my about
 which is not very good and she does not want her
 stay down there during the month that is sick.
 The Mrs. Wilson that I have no doubt but that
 either Uncle William or you would be happy. I have
 been often to applying, I Miss Fisher you will have
 him doing that you wish to.
 I hope you will write as soon as you get this
 letter. You know so that I can tell Mrs. Wilson
 what news I get from London. I can
 not find out any thing in it as she would not tell
 me to let me read it. She only told me that they
 were all well and that she had not started
 given the matter you the northern region by
 the next time I write I shall be better prepared
 to tell you all about them. I am what I have
 heard her say several times. I think I know
 some thing about them though I am not
 sure & will not let her know any thing about
 my thinking or such things. I will probably hear
 more than when I write again which will
 be in the August vacation, and then I will
 find out all about them perhaps it is nothing
 but a wish you would not let any person
 see this or read it as it does not concern
 any one at home. If you please don't let any
 one see it or even tell.
 I have nothing new to tell you as I wrote
 to you yesterday & gave you all that I was
 thinking of. If I were I write to Patty I could
 give her a full long sheet of paper there
 has more things than need of some
 I write to her than she can imagine
 she is going on pretty well at present.
 I was told by Mr. Warren's attending and took the
 trip had no great deal to say about
 was not there she is the life of that
 family. They gave me a good ride.

will now commence writing. I sister, give my love
 to your mother & how is she. I don't know your mother.
 Dear sister. I wrote to Dear you yesterday & I shall
 not write much I say I day so I conclude I would
 fill this page up I say to brother & sister as I would you
 write a letter, and I think I would be sufficient
 have not much I say neither so I feel like
 writing, you neither. I like my little speech &
 give you my advice. I feel like I don't think
 I could give you much of either. I suppose
 your examination will be over by the time you
 get this & you will be enjoying yourself. I hope
 you will stand a good examination.
 Write to me soon. Love me all little sister.
 Dear brother. Now comes your turn. I see
 you still but I have not time to
 write a letter so I will write a word
 hope I will hear from you again.
 I wish you the same that I did for
 which I could be there I hear you
 both. I hope you will not be so sick.
 Just as you were last so that you
 could not speak. I hope you
 say the same about me. I hope it is
 all over & I can do much for you. I
 will stand as it again. I hope
 for me I be optimistic is a good
 my quite fast on seven weeks I hope. I
 about use your examination. I hope
 I should not mind it if I were
 at home though I don't say this I hope
 so that you should not be because
 you come out. D. I will write to brother.



Miss Mary E. Williams
Brooklyn, N.Y.
N.Y.

Long

By Post

Oh by the way I can not help from telling you
that thing, and it's no more nor no less
than the Gilkins is married.

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, June 16
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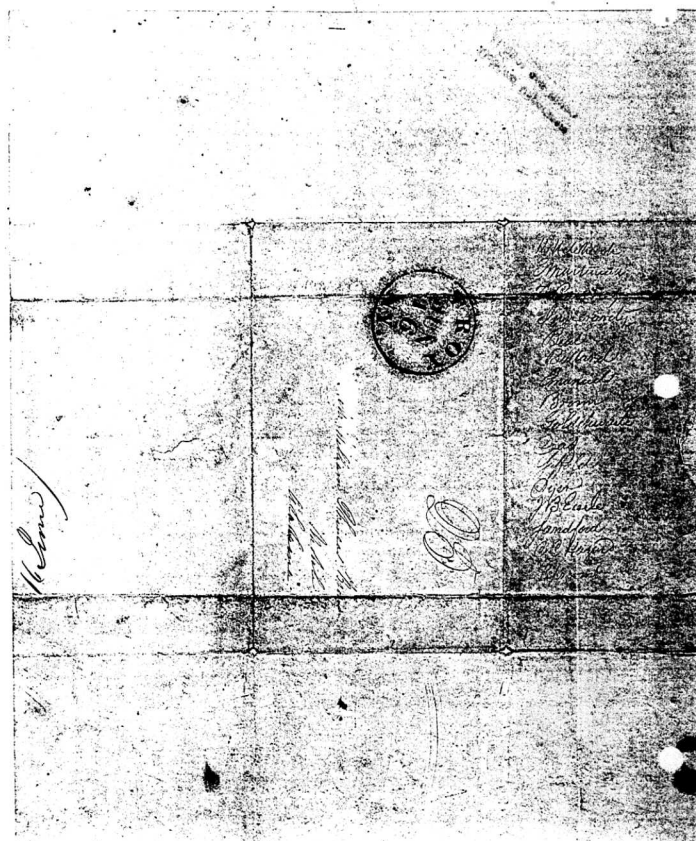
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Wm. H. French Secretary 6th June

We have a very pleasant ride
to Swanton on Saturday. Ed & I will not go in the
Coach as before the go. But the Williams come. The small
stage will go to the stage stop, as the boat is waiting to leave
there at the leaving to spend the day in study.



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Troy Female Seminary 16th June [1837?]

My Dear Uncle

Strange & unaccountable wants are so common among us of late that I think nothing could surprise us at present. In the first place Mrs. Willard's engagement caused quite a commotion and then the suspension of it (as she wishes it expressed) has made quite a romantic affair of it. Her views upon religious subjects differ widely from Dr. Yates (), he being a confirmed infidel. She is now visiting her sister Brattleboro..

We had a very pleasant ride to Saratoga on Wednesday last. I did not feel in the least disposed to go but Mrs Willard said she should oblige all of the class to go as she has no notion of having them at the Seminary to spend the day in study.

I am thinking that I shall be left alone to be examined in the Stewart class four of the young ladies have already been sent for by their parents as they fear their health would not permit them to remain. The weather at present is very the 14th of this month was considered the warmest day we have had for two years -- I hope it will not continue so long.

Believe me your very Affectionate Niece.

Jane

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, June 23
ALS

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[1837]

My dear General Sherman, June 25th

Although I doubt much I have been
obliged for some time to anticipate instead of realize the pleasure
it would afford me to receive a letter from you, yet to hear
from you as I occasionally do by my business friends is a great
privilege which if I were charged to enjoy would render me
fully more satisfied. - When we have got the notion of "leaving"
friends when they are well as to when we are very full
and with them agreeable some concerning beauty, to dwell and
which as when we doubt, but when we are separated from them
we scarcely feel their absence and realize their worth and
think we would sufficiently prize the society could we buy it
for at all. - which instead of securing our affection from our friends
tends to increase our love for them, which instead of producing our heart
cold and indifferent to them as we make them become with ourselves.

around the light of their affection.

Mr. Haines (formerly Mrs. Goodbridge) called upon me a short time since. She was on her way to the West, where I presume she has arrived before this. She is truly a very interesting lady but she tells she has experienced her share of sorrow and disappointment. I hope however there are yet many happy days in store for her.

I presume you have heard of the death of her father, which some time since, it was a very great affliction to the whole family but was patiently borne.

I received a letter from Mr. H. a long since, he seemed so much improved though he is still in poor health. Sophia is at home with Mr. H. at present and Francis and Emma are attending school. Francis has written me several times and is making very great improvement. I think she is practically very sensible, full of ambition and perseverance, there is nothing that she undertakes but what she accomplishes.

Mr. H. has mentioned the plan on Wednesday next, and on Sunday an effort to have a concert which I presume will be very interesting. Our harmonization commenced on Friday and as it approached we began to feel rather tedious.

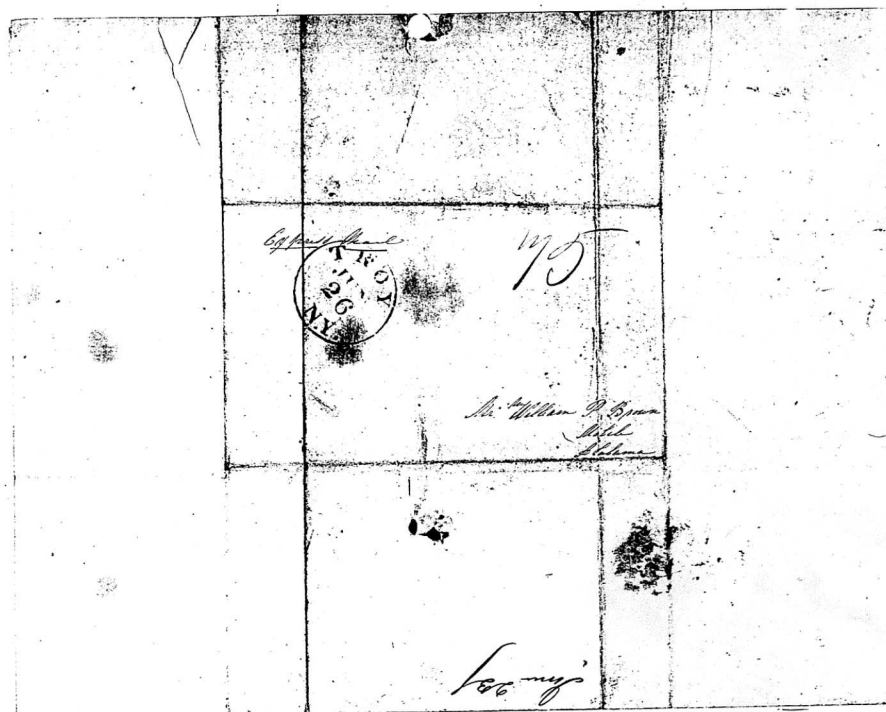
There is one to be made tomorrow. The Haines family are all well.

What the Lord may prosper you from all evil is the prayer of your affectionate friend

John C. Barrett

Mrs. William P. Haines

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Troy Female Seminary June 23, [1837?]

Though Dearest Uncle I have been obliged for some time to anticipate instead of realize the pleasure it would afford me to receive a letter from you, yet to hear from you as I occasionally do by my Vergennes friends is a great privilege which if I were denied to enjoy would render me still more unhappy. we know not the value of kind friends when they are with us to cheer us when we may feel sad, with their agreeable and enlivening society to direct and us when in trouble, but when we are separated from them we sensibly feel their absence and realize their worth and think we would sufficiently prize their society could we enjoy it yes it is absence which instead of weaning our affections from our friends tends to increase our love for them which instead of rendering our hearts cold and indifferent to those we love makes them twine with redoubled ardour around the objects of their affection.

Mrs Haven (formerly Mrs. Woodbridge) called upon me a short time since she was on her way to the West where I presume she has arrived before this. She is truly a very interesting lady but like all she has experienced her share of sorrow and disappointment. I hope however there are yet many happy days in store for her. I presume you have heard of the death of her father which occurred some time since, It was a very great affliction to the whole family but more to Mrs. Haven.

I received a letter from Mother not long since, her health is much improved though she is still far from being well. Sophia is at home with Mother at present and Frances and Emma are attending school. Frances has written me several times and is making very great improvement. I think she is naturally very smart full of ambition and perseverance there is nothing that she undertakes but what she accomplishes.

Our music examination takes place on Wednesday next, and on Tuesday we expect to have a concert which I presume will be very interesting. Our examination commences in five weeks and as it approaches we begin to feel rather studious.

Remember me to Cornelia Edmond, Mrs. Haven, Mrs Vail and Townsend.

That the Lord may preserve you from all evil is the prayer of your Affectionate Niece.

Jane E. Burritt

Mr William P. Brown

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, July 1
ALS

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thought for they were my friends and I
cannot let any thing which is not in my
mind.

I imagine you will be at my
house for but to tell the truth it is the
last that they give me at the time I
forgot to get home in the city. I am obliged
to be there now.

The game is now in great disorder.
only you will find the (Museum) through
you will find it. I have to attend to
but I do not know what to do for
the time. I have to attend to the
to you. Please give attention to this.
Yours truly
John Smith

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Troy Female Seminary 1st July [1837?]

My Dear Uncle

What a blessing it is that we are so constituted as to require but a short lapse of time to reconcile us to any unexpected events which may happen or, to the many sorrows incident to our nature. This thought was suggested to me this evening by my own sad & lonely feelings & afforded me no little consolation--I had to day bade farewell probably forever to my dearest friend in the seminary, and my roommate being absent I have had an opportunity of indulging in my lonely

Though there are many here who are very dear to me, still she has been my constant friend, has sympathized with me in my little troubles, as well as participated with me in my happier moments.

You may call me foolish my dear Uncle but I cannot but feel thus & I hope you will pardon me for writing such foolish thoughts for they my mind and I cannot write any thing which is not in my mind.

I imagine you will laugh at my beautiful paper but to tell the truth it is the best that they give us at the stationary, as I forgot to get some in the City I am obliged to like this or none.

Our examination is just approaching only four weeks distant. Mrs. _____ thought you would probably be here to attend it. But I do not anticipate that

Mrs. Vail & Townsend have asked had to be remembered to you. From your affectionate niece.

Jan^e E. Burritt

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BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, July 14
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[1837]

My Dear Mother

My Dear Mother

I was very happily surprised by receiving
a call from Sister Benjamin a few days since. He stopped
in May but a few days then left for home where he
intended to remain for a few weeks if it would find
anything to amuse himself with that length of time
which I hope he will do, as I am impatient to see him
and pleased to hear of his health.

I rejoiced this morn'g to the day to hear
the 2nd of March is the date he began the journey. He
would have been to Benjamin on the 1st of March.
The first of September I would like you to write with
respect to going as a school teacher. I am
glad if you think there is any chance. I anticipate
much pleasure in the situation in teaching.
I expect it is time to write to you. I am
overcome and perhaps some time which I am aware

at present but it will only tempt me
more. I do myself to my situation in which
I may be pleased and it will give me more
confidence in my own ability. I think in
fact I am too much dependent on the
past in studying with the more efficient
to an undoubted than the past being a
people. A young lady should have her
own education, the amount she has
the value of the learning (being that of confidence
she) this situation is entirely engaged & under
the time is still time for study. John, Henry
"Humphreys" & etc. - In this way most of the best
of the present time cultivate the mind. The
people they are taught by the study of the
improvement from knowledge of history, of
a good knowledge of the world, of the
which the knowledge has been placed & later
upon the both upon knowledge & to
persons have been but they have no opportunity
of making practice use of it & of course they
forget it as well as have again to suffer.
Would you please think any letter has been
almost an apology but the fact is that I have
I give my thoughts upon my future subject.
In the hands with which I have been
also applied. Upon I come to me down & hope you

ask you in a contribution of the
workshop of my costume.

I have read through the
 evening the agricultural paper to ask you of your
 article last - thank you very much for the
 Sept 9 - I believe that I really know what to
 write of it. I think it will give some

Mr. Thompson returned to state there
with me in the position which we held in their
meeting, & that, in view of having just done for
they are waiting for the other side to show.

I am! All for both - for his
own health is just for I for he
is too good for me.

I spent the fourth day pleasantly in the city, where I then went to the evening when we had spent the time previously.

For we have by my side the
 I have with my regular party, by 6.
 I am just undressed when I am informed
 by my W with the anxious remark I
 suppose is the case. I must be quiet.

What the Property has yielded for me
has been the payment of my official dues
John Hamilton



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Mr. William Thomas Brown
Hotel
Hoboken

Aug 4/11

Troy Female Seminary 14th July [1837?]

My Dear Uncle

I was very happily surprised by receiving a call from Cousin Seymour a few days since. He stopped in Troy but a few hours, then left for home where he intended to remain four or five weeks if he could find anything to amuse himself with that length of time which I hope he will do, as I am anxious to see him before he returns to the south.

I requested Mrs. Willard the other day to obtain me a situation as a teacher. She said she thought she would send me to Virginia or further south if I wished the first of September. I would like your advice with respect to going as a school teacher or Governess in a family if you think there is any choice I anticipate much pleasure or rather satisfaction in teaching. I expect it is to meet many difficulties to overcome and perhaps some trials of which I am ignorant at present but it will only teach me to accommodate myself to any situation in which I may be placed and it will give me more confidence in my own abilities in which in fact I am too much deficient I think one year just in teaching would be of more essential _____ to an individual than two spent thinking as a pupil. A young lady attends school several years, receives a good education, the moment she learns the _____ of the Seminary (being tired of confinement she) her attention is entirely engaged & indeed her time is wholly time in dress fashion society " _____ " & etc--In this way most of the ladies of the present time cultivate their smiles _____ they are _____ by the lordly sex & simple inferior minded incapable of reasoning reflection or of exercising the noble faculties of our nature which the Almighty has been pleased to bestow upon us. This acquired knowledge is by no means limited but they have no opportunity of making practical use of it & of course they might as _____ men have acquired it. _____ Uncle you _____ that my letter had been almost an _____ but the fact is that where I fix my thoughts upon any particular subject one thing succeeds another until I sometime almost lose myself. before I come to and close. I hope you will excuse me upon a consideration of the weakness of my nature.

I saw Mrs. Townsend this evening she requested me to ask you if you had lost a great quantity of flesh since she left? I declare though I hardly know what to make of it. I think it looks quite ominous.

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Mrs. Townsend intends to return home with me in the vacation which will be in weeks I think we will have quite fine times. They are expecting Mrs. William Edmonds I believe.

I received a letter from mother a few days since. her health is quite poor. I fear the _____ is too much for her.

I spent the fourth very pleasantly in the city. Returned in the evening to the Seminary where we had most beautiful fire works.

You will perceive by my date that I have written my regular writing day. but I was quite indisposed indeed I was confined to my bed with the nervous headache. I suppose in this case, I must be excused.

That the Almighty may protect from all harm is the prayer of your very affectionate niece.

Jane Burritt

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BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, July 15
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1852
My Dear Mother

I had feared not the power of your letter to me. Indeed, when
the friends were there, I think I should like to have "Mother" read
them as but one consolation which would influence me not pursuing in my
relation this capacity as pursuing my own interest and I might my pleasure.
But the thought of having my own nation home by the schoolmaster
for the schoolmaster's benefit, even if it were to be my pleasure, partially
prevented for the purpose of attempting at least to effect some good
and thus upon you a small before the handwriting of my mother's name
who has ever been an excellent mother to the fatherless and a true
friend in adversity. When I have been here from some time, which
long months have passed since I have noted the spot and perhaps on my
return that during my absence, surrounded as I have been by kind and
agreeable companions, and indeed say things that could contribute either to
my comfort or happiness, I have not a single of the same degree of happiness
of to ever have been, but as not so! Be it said, I think there is no place like

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I shall consider myself to a separation from my friends only by
the reflection that while attending school improving my mind I was
preparing myself to become more capable to them to pay a good great amount
of living & more. I will at it a week or so, consistent to the agreement of
other accounts. With this consideration before you I have purchased at
what some terms contented, and can you doubt be enabled to make
some great progress when they themselves have studied has spoken
to me upon the subject and I furthermore has written you before this

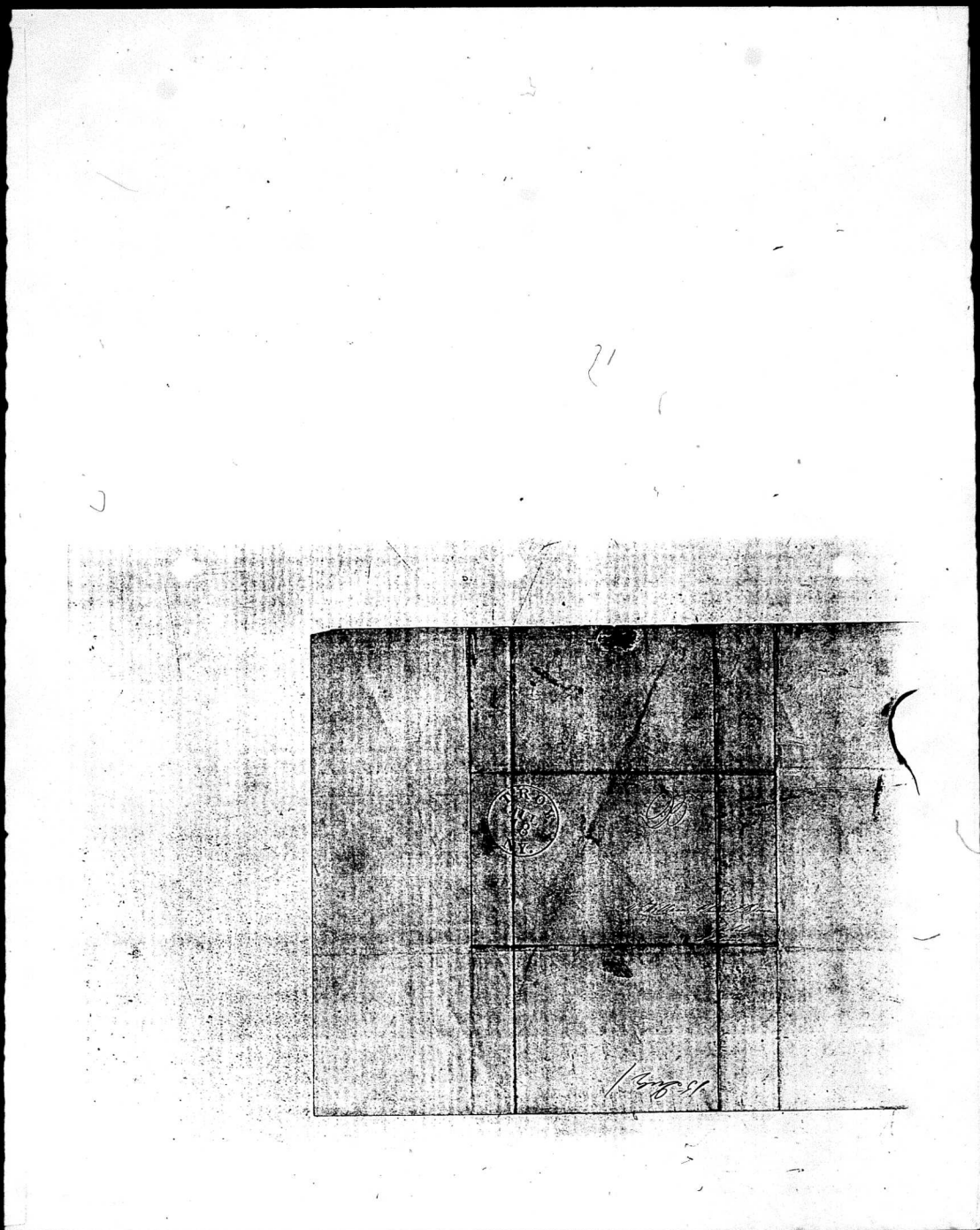
Steph Ray has been very
well for some time. It some time ago though not able to be up. I just
to find out he has been well but what little time I come from
from you. I think I can look on that this is your pleasure
to be known from the consciousness that we are attending some
thought to the best and satisfied to this account a conclusion as
is usually, ^{from} all be seen somewhat what this will be offered.

But let me when you are well
on note when you will be to find the section I shall say much, let to find
a part of it at least in consent of agreement to you. Steph Ray has given me an
invitation to spend it with him if I do not return home, and I should like to
they will be very much of the trouble it means the world.

Our examination commenced
on the week since in this part. I of course remember the location.
I have not heard from Mother since I last wrote you.

Remember me to all, especially your fatherly the
but I do not, and believe me to be your very affectionate son.

James E. Burdett



00179

Troy Female Seminary July 15th [1837?]

My Dear Uncle

I was pleased with the of your letter to Mrs. Willard which she received some time since I think I should like to be a teacher indeed there is but one consideration which would influence in not preferring in my situation this capacity as forwarding my own interest and I might say pleasure. But the thought of leaving my own native home my dear widow mother for other climes sometimes tempts me to relinquish many plans partially formed for the purpose of attempting at least to affect some good and thus repay in a small degree the kindness of my benevolent Uncle who has ever been an indulgent Father to the fatherless and a true friend in adversity. True I have been absent from home some time. Twelve long months have passed since I have visited this spot and perhaps one might imagine that during my absence surrounded as I have been by kind and agreeable companions, and indeed every thing that could contribute either to my comfort or happiness, I had lost a relish for the more simple humble enjoyment of my own dear home, but no not so. Be it ever so humble this is no place like home. I could reconcile myself to a separation from my friends only by the reflection that while attending school improving my mind I was preparing myself to become more useful to them, to enjoy a much greater amount of happiness myself as well as to a greater contribute to the enjoyment of those around me. With this before me I have remained at school some time contented, and can no doubt be enabled to make much greater sacrifices when duty demands. Mrs Willard has spoken to me upon the subject and I presume has written you before this.

Miss Perry has been very sick for some time, is some better now thought not able to be up. I spent the fourth with her and have been with her what little time I could spare from my studies, and I think I can truly say that this is more pleasure to be derived from the consciousness that we are administering some comfort to the sick and distressed be this comfort or consolation are so small, than from all the amusement which this world can afford.

Please tell me when you write where you wish me to spend the vacation. I should very much like to spend a part of it at least in Vermont if agreeable to you. Miss Perry has given me an invitation to spend it with her if I do not return home and I should like to stay with her very much if she should not recover her health.

Our examination commences in two weeks closes in three and then of course commences

the vacation. I have not heard from Mother since I last wrote you.

Remember me to all inquiring friends particularly Mrs. Vail & Townsend and believe me
as ever your very affectionate Niece.

Jane E. Burritt

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, July 29
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spontaneously plan towards to build a bridge to
I find when we are obliged to a place where, the
uninterrupted, perhaps.

The government commenced a study
and, consequently in the end on building
and I think I hope that you would know
as with you perhaps the coming government
but what my hope is, perhaps, in the
policy.

I have a letter from Father a few days
since. He has nearly recovered from the little stroke
by and means, and he is very anxious for
him; he also seems considerably after the
government the appearance of the old building.

Love you affectionately
L. A. Smith



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Mr. Wm. H. Hall
New York
N.Y.

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00185

Troy Female Seminary July 29th [1837?]

Dearest Uncle

I am taking a retrospective view not only of the past term, but of the time that I have spent in Troy at school, though I find there are many circumstances which have transpired unpleasant in their nature and calculated to awaken feelings not the most agreeable, though I am conscious of spending hours of unhappiness yea of the of this Seminary. Yet I think that, experience, that cruel teacher has taught me many useful lessons which be forgotten indeed. I even consider my school days in Troy as one of the happiest parts of my existence a bright spot to which memory will often, in its best and happiest moments.

When I consider Dear Uncle that it is to your unlimited bounty (which I can never repay), that I am indebted for the many privileges with which I have been so highly favoured though feelings of the gratitude spontaneously flow towards so kind a benefactor I find I have never realized to a full extent, this goodness.

Our examination commences on tuesday next and consequently our term closes on Wednesday I had hoped that you would honour us with your presence this coming examination but alas my hopes & anticipation, are not realized..

I received a letter from mother a few days since, She had nearly recovered her health though by no means. She is very anxious for me, to return home immediately after the examination on account of her ill health.

From your Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

BURRITT, JANE
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1837 July 31
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1887

My dear friend

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

I am writing to you with the greatest pleasure, and I hope you will find it interesting. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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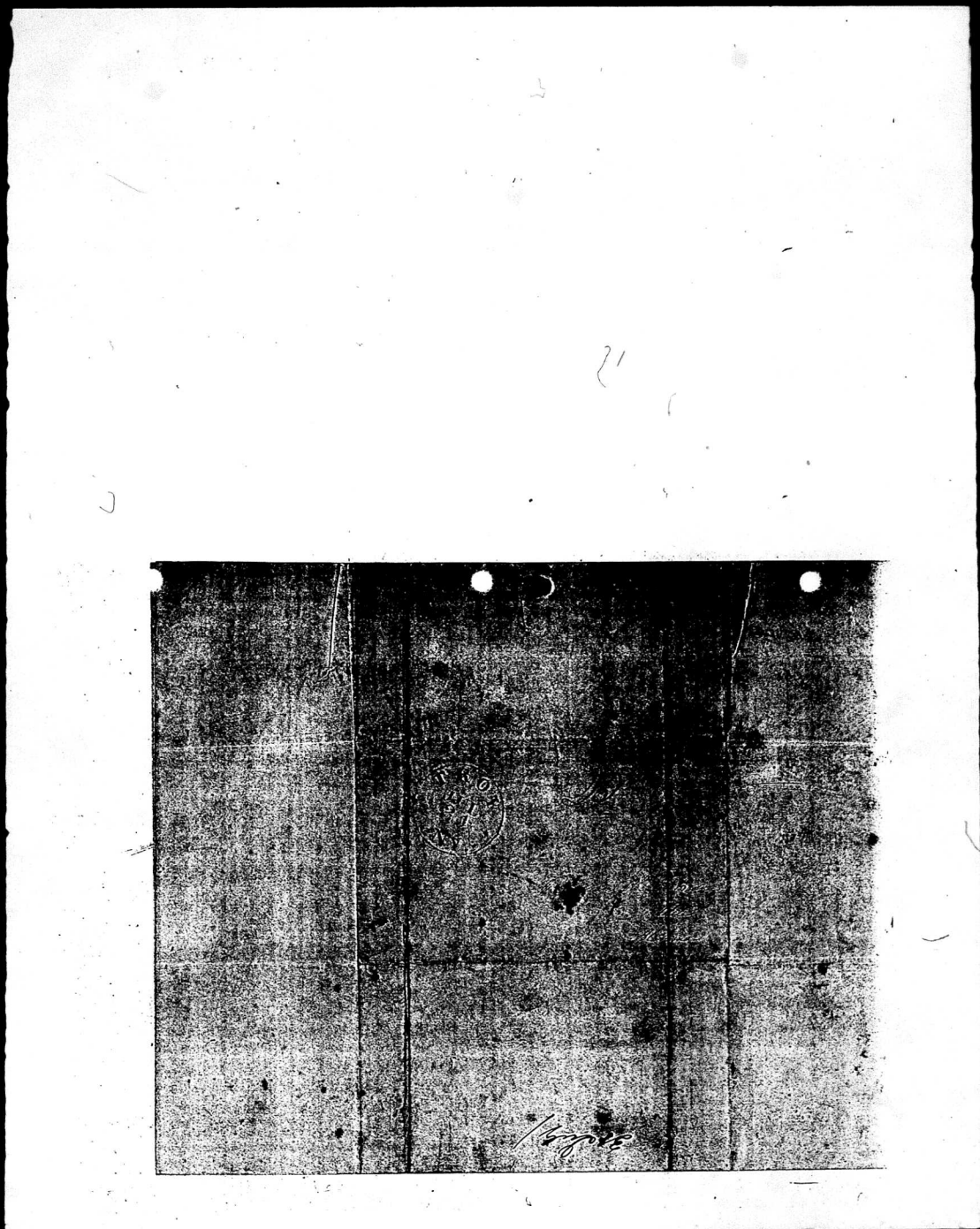
I presume you will be much surprised to hear that Mrs. P.
Industrious & energetic. Mother did not manage to return but I think
it a gentleman from the west.

I have nothing in, but I am interested in
by saying with the most distant form of mind or matter which I am
saying. I presume you will be surprised to hear me say.

Please remember me to all friends and believe me

as ever your most aff. friend

James L. Smith



00190

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Troy Female Seminary July ^{31st} 30th, 1837

My Dear Uncle

As the examination commences tomorrow you will I think excuse me if my letter is very short for every moment of my time I wish to devote to my studies. I received a letter from Mother to day, She mentioned the arrival of Mr and Mrs. Saxton and was disappointed in not receiving a letter from you by them, Mother and the children were as well as usual. Sophia and Frances are attending school, the rest of the children are at home.

I am waiting with the greatest patience to ascertain when I am to spend the vacation, Mother seems to feel quite anxious to have me spend some part of the time with her, but she as well as myself will be willing to submit to your wishes no doubt.

Miss Perry is considerable better though not able to sit up much. I presume you will be much surprised to hear that Miss Polly Goodrich is married. Mother did not mention to whom. but I think to a Gentlemen from the west.

As I have nothing in particular to communicate & as my writing is the most distant from my mind (or rather what I am writing) I presume you would prefer to have me close.

Please remember me to all friends and believe me as ever your most affectionate Niece.

Jane E. Burritt

00191

WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH
To Mary K. Williams
1837 August 12
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Mary Elizabeth signs herself as Elizabeth in all of the correspondence.

These ten letters, all but one of which are addressed to her mother, contain much information about TFS. These include: TFS daily life, housekeeping responsibilities, courses available, standing for examinations, and school rules regarding when and to whom a student can write letters. Particular incidents about Emma Willard are: the death and funeral of Willy, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willard; the burglary of Mrs. Willard's and her adopted daughter, Pauline's, clothing and jewelry; and the arrival of a box of "curiosities" from Mr. Poor of Ceylon (father of Susan Poor, a student at TFS). A course called Legal Classics was being offered exclusively at TFS. This course, concerning the rudiments of law, uses a recently published text by Mr. Phelps (who married Almira Hart Lincoln in 1831.) Reference is made to teachers: Miss Baker, Miss Allen, and Miss Clarissa Curtis.

In the TFS student directory, Mary Elizabeth is listed as residing in Halifax, North Carolina. The correspondence is addressed to her mother (a widow) at: White Rock, Gretna-Greene Post Office, Halifax County, North Carolina. Elizabeth is listed as a student at TFS from February 1837 until February 1839. Information accompanying the letters states that Elizabeth married Dr. Peter Hawkins and that she lived from 1822-1867.

My Dear Ma

I am writing to you the above instead of being
down for I am so tired of denouncing that I don't know what to do
but still being very self and am perfectly happy at home
I sometimes feel a little touch of being so, we sick but
soon get over it - I think it is no use.

This day twelve months ago I was at my dear home
with my dear Ma Brothers and sweet little sister. Oh if I had
the wings of a dove you would see me at White Rock
pretty often. I don't get far in my letter last night
to please go on with it now.

I don't know if you think it rather singular that I have
not written to you before and that it is to think that
I have not written to one that I love so well as my Ma
but Ma knows how it is I kept putting it off from
one day to another till at length it has come. By
this I mean you will see I have written to Ma and another
thing that kept me from writing to you was that
the examination was so near and that we had no time
that I was with and I am real glad you may be
sure have up five times the first day only three the
second day four times & then I was through that was
different for a little girl like me. I think I can now
tell you very strong about it but will tell more in
my next letter and then you can learn every
thing about it. I shall have to spend the vacation
here as I have no place to go to. As I have left the
date not mention any thing about my going with
her as she was going to spend the time with her friend

now in prison - it will answer your apprehensions but I must
be of some use to you & I will be after me. -

and of course would not want me there either would like
to go of him not associated with any of them. I have not
been it is a hard thing may not want to call them
except to go there this another as they have not in other
will want to see it I am not but I should think if
they ever intended they would have done it by this time
they have always been very kind to me as much as at Naples
but the reason why I don't go there is because they have
not in other with another and the one I am about about
is because Phoebe has been here so very often and have
never called on me when she has been here or inquired
after me Phoebe call on about if it were not for
that and another thing it looks too much as if I were
to be invited to go and my time there when
don't want to go should be to see if they had
invited me they would see their credit and their
credit both I think till I have got acquainted with
her and she left. I am sure and in fact not
and I am sure that I am very much in the way of
some of the men who with her so I shall do it
so you see there some friends in my that care some
thing about me there I have that I am sure and happy
this is the reason why which is so common among the
soft-hearted men you see there is some that are like the
one I am at home but very few I don't think
you can imagine how I feel when I am away in and
told me that I must go there to think that they
would have invited me there when they
had nothing about me except what time I was
have seen me in the company I could have
come and even feel like I have for I am
in my eyes I never but feeling before that
had been for some years ago and I am particularly
when they are so close as mine all I can for I have
but the same feeling I don't now can't think that those
that have always been at home can feel for those
that off as they should. I don't see things for I am

my supper here. I must say something about the dinner
 there is about twenty and twelve of them here going to leave and the
 morning there will be between ten and twelve to spend the
 evening there is but one teacher at that is Miss Lee every thing
 is as close as possible you can't hear a voice for the night you can't
 were but the cricket cry the house presents a most barren
 scene inside if you were in it I have doubt but that you
 would think you were in the winter street prison so
 you may think but it looks go into any hall you please you
 can see the doors from the windows and the blinds thrown
 open the carpets taken up the bureaus and chairs in the hall
 all of the room books and papers also scattered about the bed
 & bed things all thrown around that is the situation of all
 the room that are not in the kitchen and there. Well all
 are not much better if that not answer I make a
 fellow's heart leap for joy a grief worth know you will
 be surprised when I tell you what effect it had upon me
 well it makes my heart leap for joy for there is two
 things I be considered first this is first a bed it twelve
 months left. Now I stay here in the narrow place we have
 little better fair it is close but for I don't at all to tell
 I'm coming on too much now when you are pretty well again
 please I'll see I have a great deal to tell her so much
 that I shall have to take two sheets I don't think I shall
 write more I'll in the mood for doing so I shall send
 her a catalogue but so soon as I get time I'll give her
 a line often always I the library and parlour. I have
 taken up a bundle of reading that I think you will like
 I am to please you and to improve myself. I have
 commenced the history of England written by Henry Hall
 Lindell and Goldsmith. They all taken together make thirteen
 volumes I have commenced it a first it very interesting
 so far I have been I wrote D. B. rather a few days ago
 I was directed my letter I had bought Brewster but I thought
 that was it. Mary & Kate is I don't give D. looks for home
 which is in the house it makes me want to go but
 it being so much I will see soon I am not long out



Mrs Mary H Williams
Gettysburg P. O.
Harrisburg Pa.
N. C.

No. 5 Second Hall August 12th 1837

My Dear Ma

I have written it as the above instead Troy Fem Sem for I am so tired of Seminary that I don't know what to do but still I enjoy myself and am perfectly happy at times I sometimes feel a slight touch of being homesick but I soon get over it for I think it is no use.

This day twelve months ago I was at my dear home with my dear Ma, brothers and sweet little sister oh if I had the wings of a dove you would see me at White Rock pretty often. I did not get far in my letter last night so I shall go on with it now.

I know you think it rather singular that I have not written to you before and so it is to think that I have not written to one that I love so well as my ma but Ma know how it is I kept putting it off from one day to another till at length it has come to this nearly five weeks since I wrote to Ma and another thing that kept me from writing to you was that the examination was so near and I did not have time that is over with and I am real glad you may be sure I came up five times the first day only once the second day only four times & then I was through that is sufficient for a little girl like me I think. I can not tell you any thing about it but will tell cousin Patty in my next letter and then you can learn everything about it. I shall have to spend the vacation here as I have no place to go to. Mrs. Willard has left she did not mention anything about my going with her as she was going to spend the time with her friends and of course would not want me there neither would I like to go as I am not acquainted with any of them. I have not been to Mr Warrens since May not even to call I don't expect to go there this vacation as they have not invited me yet what they may do I can not tell but I should think if they ever intended they would have done it by this time they have always been very kind to me as much so as I expected but the reason why I don't go there is because they have not invited and another and the one I care most about is because Phebe has been here so very often and have never called on me when she has been here or inquired after me, I should call on Aunt if it were not for that and another thing it looks too much as if I wanted to be invited to spend my time there when I don't want to nor should not even if they had invited me they would save their crust and their credit both I think. Tell P. I have got acquainted with several since she left Jane Burritt came in just now and said that Miss Perry wished me to come & spend some of the vacation with her so I

shall do it so you see I have some friends in Troy that care some thing about me there is some that sincereness and hospitality is attached to which is so common among the southerners yes ma there is some that are like the dear friends at home but very very few I don't think you can imagine how I felt when Jane came in and told me that I must go there to think that they should have invited me there when they know nothing about me except what time they have seen me in the seminary. I could have cried and even feel like it now tears are in my eyes I never had that feeling before those that have been far from home & from friends and particularly when they are so dear as mine are to me perhaps have had this same feeling. I don't nor can't think that those that have always been at home can feel for off as they should. I don't care though for I am very happy here now. I must say something about the seminary there is about twenty girls several of them are going to leave in the morning there will be between ten and twelve to spend the vacation there is but one teacher & that is Miss Lee everything is as still as possible you can't hear a single foot you can even hear the crickets cry. The house presents a most horrid scene inside if you were in it I have doubt but that you would think you were in the United States prison so you may think how it looks go into any halls you please you can see the doors open the windows and the blinds thrown open the carpets taken up the bureau's and chairs in the middle of the room, books and papers also scattered about, the bed & bed things all thrown around that is the situations of all the rooms that are not inhabited and those that are, are not much better if that's not enough to make a fellow's heart leap for joy or grief I don't know. You will be surprised when I tell you what effect it had upon me well it makes my heart leap for joy for there is two things to be considered first this August makes it twelve months less I have to stay here in the second place we have little better fair at least I do for I sit at Mrs. W. table. I am carrying on too much Ma when you see Patty will you please to tell her I have a great deal to tell her so much that I shall have to take two sheets I don't think I shall write until I feel in the mood for doing so I shall send hear a catalogue two so soon as I get time to fix one. We have free access to the Library and parlor. I have taken up a course of reading that I think you will like I did it to please you and to improve myself. I have commenced the History of England written by and Goldsmith they all taken together make thirteen volumes I have commenced it and find it very interesting as far I have been I wrote to Brother a few days ago and directed my letter to Leesburgh Cadwell City I thought that was it. Mary E. Webb is just going to leave for home

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WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH
To Mary K. Williams
1837 August 24
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

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No. 2. Second Hill August 24th 1858

My Dear Ma.

Your letter was handed to me by Mr. Hildes yesterday morning, and gave me more faith in my little power to write a few lines to dear Ma. I do not feel like writing. I feel humbled and overcome. Mrs. Willard's little son left us yesterday afternoon after much suffering. He was a sweet babe he died about half past two at 10 to be buried to morrow. I believe Mr. Willard is to speak the funeral. It will be a great many past weeks since I have shown so much uncertainty. I am so full of thought - a great deal to do. I shall enjoy myself when I get home in the society of dear Ma and other dear friends in my own dear home. But the death of dear little Willard has burdened all such thoughts. I commenced my letter to see the 22nd and got on so far since that I have attended the funeral it was very solemn it was here instead of at church the corpse was in the parlour they did not have any sermon at they, oh in Boston they read such and then I went to the burying ground I went it was placed in the ground Mr. Willard read the service at the grave and in the service you know it says the body shall turn to dust then they commenced the singing the earth they soon got through and then an old beggar woman Mrs. W. seemed to have trouble on all sides when she was gone to Connecticut all her clothes were stolen and all her jewelry to and Pauline

the young lady that was with her last last leg.
Mrs W is here I now but is to marry to Elifton Park
and then she is coming home and in the
course of a week or a fortnight she and Mr. Wilson
and his lady are going on to Washington city quite
near home.

Many got home last night she had been
away for the last fortnight. Mother feels very tired
for I have for as long as she ever has and
here she has been helping Jane Laurette pack
as she is going a very short in the morning she
is the last there is no person else that I am the
last intimate with it seems to have for me
that all my friends are gone. we have real
cold weather so cold that we all wear our
blanket shawls all around the house I have only
one more I suppose it is quite warm in bed
at this time we have had very little warm
weather this winter. The year ahead me if
I have received one from cousin James lately
as far as I know not I suppose he never received my
letter at least I shall be though there is nothing
in it but that I should be willing for the
whole world to see I should not have written
to him had I been placed differently the reason
why I did I had answered all my letters and had
written to you twice I think also had not
received any answer. so I thought I would
write to cousin James as I have nothing else to do and
you had written to me once or twice to write
to him. I was very particular with my letter to see that
it was all right. I got and wrote to see it.
Now I think you for giving me that advice I am
willing to stop my correspondence or commence up
with my father you think but I am willing to see
them willing I have to be guided by you.

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How I should like to hear your health good or not. Tell
 her I shall write to her soon your love if you
 please. I have by the way got a letter from Miss Price
 the other day, and I received a letter from Sam-
 uel's sister not long ago & I do not think I shall
 answer it as I do not wish to keep up a corre-
 spondence with her. I wrote to cousin Charlotte
 Williams ~~some~~ ^{about} a year ago and she has never answer-
 ed my letter. Give my love to all inquiring friends
 and if you please I want to be able to see this letter
 for it is written so badly that I am ashamed of it.
 but I do feel so tired I have the head ache with
 it that I can not do it - any better. Destroy it if
 soon as you read it if you please. When you
 will excuse all my faults try and do better next
 time I am still your affectionate daughter Eliza.
 Good night. Hope you will rest well. I thought



Single

Mrs. Mary B. Williams
Bastin Street
Holliston, Mass.

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No. 5 Second Hall August 24th 1837

My Dear Ma

Your letter was handed to me by Mr. Willard yesterday morning, and I am once more seated in my little room to write a few lines to dear ma. I do not feel like writing I feel homesick and solemn Mrs. Willard little son left us yesterday afternoon after much suffering he was a sweet babe he died about half past two it is to be buried to morrow. I believe Mr. Winslow is to preach the funeral it calls a great many past events to my mind it shows how uncertain life is. Lately I have thought a great deal how much I shall enjoy myself when I get home in the society of Dear Ma and other dear friends in my own dear Carolina but the death of dear little Willey has banished all such thoughts. I commenced my letter you see the 22nd and got on so far since that I have attended the funeral it was very solemn it was here instead of at church the corpse was in the parlor they did not have any sermon as they do in Carolina they read service and then went to the burying ground I went it was placed in the ground. Mr. Winslow read the service at the grave and in the service you know it says the body shall turn to dust then they commence throwing the earth they soon got through and then we came back home, Mrs. W. seems to have trouble on all sides when she was gone to Connecticut all her clothes were stolen and all her jewelry to and Pauline the young lady that was with her lost hers too. Mrs. W. is here now but is to morrow to Clifton Park and then she is coming home and in the course of a week or a fortnight she and Mr. Willard and his lady are going to Washington City quite near home.

Mary got home last night she has been a way for the last fortnight Mother I feel very tired for I have been as busy as a bee and have worked real hard I have been helping Jane Burritt pack as she is going a way soon in the morning she is the last. There is no person else that I am the least intimate with it seems to hard for me that all my friends are gone. We have real cold weather so cold that we all wear our blanket shawls all around the house I have on one now. I suppose it is quite warm in Carolina at this time we have had very little warm weather this summer Ma you asked me if I had received one from Cousin James lately No Ma I have not I guess he never received my letter at least I hope so though there was nothing in it but that I should be willing for the whole world to see, I should not have written him had I been placed differently the reason why I did I had answered all my letters and had written to you twice I think and had not received any answer so I thought I would write to Cousin James as I had nothing else

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To Lucy S. Lewis
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J. S. Second Hall Sept. 24th 1937.

My ever dear & much loved Miss Susan.

I had just finished copying off my sermon and feel rather tired but knowing this would be the only opportunity I should have soon determined I would write to my much loved Miss Susan, believing that she will make all allowances. I have been to church twice to-day taken notes of sermons both times and have edited my little letter.

I received your sweet epistle the day before the term commenced, and have not until this evening had the best time to answer it. I am busy all the time and expect to be all the term it is against the rules to write in study hours so out of them it takes up all my times nearly to keep my letters in order. I presume you would like to know what my studies are this term. I have Chemistry, Legal Ethics, Algebra, Music on the Piano, and Italian, dancing, and drawing, for a few weeks and then later going to take oil painting so now you may imagine how much I have

interesting to you - something like a child, and many
up the children for me if you please.

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I attend too. Dear Miss Susan I have just passed your
sweet letter it calls to me many very happy days of
my infanzia years that I have spent at my dear
home with my fond and dear parents & affection
at little brother and dear little sister and my
dear Miss Susan there indeed were my happy
days I did not know then what it was to
be separated from all that were dear to me
in this world and all that makes life dear.
By the time I return to my own dear Carolina
and its warm hearted people every thing
will be different - whole world
side by side my companions will all be married
at home of home of them getting off in every letter
except I shall be left alone one good thing is
I shall have the pleasure of going round and
visiting them that is better than I suppose
than being alone it is to marry Miss Susan too
after all from all I have heard I shall not
think either was old enough to wise enough
to get married. Ann which is about a week
fit to get married as I am and I know
I am far from being fit and will not
be in five or six years hence from all I have
heard I think they had both better be at
school I think it would suit both better
than getting married. I wish her a great deal
of happiness and pleasure but I think if she
was at school and learning she would be
happier and enjoy her self more.

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Histon
which I had not heard until I received your
news the manner big in which he died was wonder-
ful and may be a lesson for Mr. Histon particularly
to think what example he had set his son by
letting his son have such liberties he could
not expect even if they did not kill the boy,
they might contaminate his virtues and lose
principles which is worth all. I hope he will take
warning & let his younger son better example
and try & lead him in the steps of virtue
& morality. I hope & think the stirring for him
given the good Parents & instructions the ten years
old boy is giving and I shall have a part of writing
for this is being. I did not finish my letter last
evening so I have to do it now. Please but give
a day or two to write in so you can not
expect much. When you see the Misses
will you please tell her I am very well and
am anxiously looking for a letter from her
soon that will. I will tell her what you say
give my love to all inquiring friends if there
is any. I believe your school will be out soon
I hope you will spend the vacation with
mother if I am not there to enjoy your society
it will be a pleasure I know. that you be
with her and at my own home. then
you will have plenty of time to write to
me often, and I hope you will do so
I am soon my dear Misses, for your letters are all

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Miss Lucy A. Lewis,
Putnam, N.Y.
The City of New York
N.Y.

No. 5 Seacond Hall Sept. 24th 1837

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he will take warning & set his younger son better example and try & lead him in the steps of virtues & morality. I bless & thank the Almighty for having given me pious parents & instructors. The ten minute bell is ringing and I shall have to put up writing for this evening. I did not finish my letter last evening so I have to do it now I have but five to six minutes to write in so you can not expect much. When you see Ma Miss Susan will you please tell her I am very well and am anxiously looking for a letter from her own dear self. and tell her I shall write very soon. Give my love to all inquiring friends if there is any. I believe your school will be out soon. I hope you will spend the vacation with Mother if I am not there to enjoy your society it will be a pleasure to know that you are with ma and at my own dear home. Then you will have plenty of time to write to me soon my dear Miss Susan, for your letters are all interesting to your unworthily pupil Elizabeth Good morning kiss the children for me if you please

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, September 30
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

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My Friend Henry, September 21st

My Dear Sir,

I am now more quietly settled in the Seminary, & in
absence of your ^{kind} very pleasantly spent among my friends in Vermont.
I arrived here at 11 AM, and found about a hundred young ladies at
the Seminary. Mr. Wilbur spent some part of the vacation in
Hartford Connecticut. When he arrived there he found his
house empty, they had been opened in Albany and he packed
together with every thing of any value, had been told, the loss
was estimated at about 500 dollars. He has succeeded in finding
a very few articles, but nothing of any consequence.

I was absent this time in
Hartford, Vermont, Rutland, Burlington, Newbury and
Merrill. I have just finished for a second teacher. He is one
of the highest in school. He has been a member of the American
also translated the History of the United States into English and the

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We arrived Heston early Monday. We could see the house early in
action, one in the morning for business and English translation, and
one in the afternoon for Abolition, and French translation.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd have returned to Washington. Mr. Lloyd, and who
spent the winter in England, they appear to enjoy themselves very
much in this old household. Mrs. Lloyd came with us as far
as Burlington where she expected to remain some few days. By the way,
I think Burlington is a most delightful spot. Its situation is
highly charming. I have been visited it before, and though I
spent but a few hours there, I was perfectly satisfied with the
variety of scenery on the lake. Although I spent some time in England
I found it impossible to visit one of my friends & think of leaving
one of the time. Sophia has improved much in her personal and
appearance, but her disposition is naturally so very sensitive that she
should be placed beyond temptation, when she feels he and that
displeasure a reluctance. Mother will be well and fine, but constitution
is not capable of managing her. I should like to have her
attend school and pay the school-like money, by teaching, which
I could do, and Mary Anne some the same before now, & allow
the same thing for their own education. I had said like
me yesterday that they were expecting Mr. Lloyd & Grandson every
day. It will seem quite like home to see them once more.
I should like to see you to say to you that I have been
expecting a letter from you a long time.

Your affectionate son

Samuel C. Beane



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Mr. William Thomas Brown
J. D. Brown
J. D. Brown

1876

Troy Female Seminary September 30th [1837?]

My Dear Uncle

I am once more quietly settled in the Seminary after an absence of four weeks very pleasantly spent among my friends in Vermont. I arrived here the 22nd and found about a hundred young ladies at the Seminary. Mrs Willard spent some part of the vacation in Hartford Connecticut. When she arrived there she found her trunks empty. they had been opened in Albany and her jewelry together with every thing of any value, had been stolen. Her loss was estimated as about 500 dollars she has succeeded in finding a very few articles but nothing of any consequence.

I was classed this term in Kames elements of Criticism, Astronomy, French, Drawing and Musick. I have Miss Lincoln for a French Teacher. Our class is one of the highest in school We commit French Rhetorick & Grammar also translate the History of the United States into English and the Universal History into French. We employ two hours daily for recitation, one in the morning for Grammar and English translation one in the afternoon for Rhetorick, and French translation.

Mr. & Mrs. Coyle have returned to Washington. Mrs. Edmond and Sarah spend the winter in Vergennes, they appear to enjoy themselves very much in their old homestead. Mrs. Edmond came with us as far as Burlington where she expected to remain some few days. By the bye I think Burlington is a most delightful spot. Its situation is truly charming. I never have visited it before, and though I spent but a few hours there I was perfectly enchanted with the variety of scenery on the Lake. Though I spent some time in Vergennes I found it impossible to visit all my friends. I staid at home most of the time. Sophia has improved much in her manners and appearance, but her disposition is naturally so very irritable that she should be placed beyond temptation, where she will be under strict discipline & restraint. Mother with her weak and worn out constitution is not capable of managing her. I would like to have her attend school and pay her school bills myself by teaching, which I could do in a few years and many have done the same before me. or what is the same thing paid for their own education. Sarah Vail told me yesterday that they are expecting Mrs Vail & Townsend any day. It will seem quite like home to see them once more. Aunt Sophia wished me to say to you that she had been expecting a letter from you for a long time.

Your Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

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WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH
To Mary K. Williams
1837 October 8
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Mary Elizabeth signs herself as Elizabeth in all of the correspondence.

These ten letters, all but one of which are addressed to her mother, contain much information about TFS. These include: TFS daily life, housekeeping responsibilities, courses available, standing for examinations, and school rules regarding when and to whom a student can write letters. Particular incidents about Emma Willard are: the death and funeral of Willy, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willard; the burglary of Mrs. Willard's and her adopted daughter, Pauline's, clothing and jewelry; and the arrival of a box of "curiosities" from Mr. Poor of Ceylon (father of Susan Poor, a student at TFS). A course called Legal Classics was being offered exclusively at TFS. This course, concerning the rudiments of law, uses a recently published text by Mr. Phelps (who married Almira Hart Lincoln in 1831.) Reference is made to teachers: Miss Baker, Miss Allen, and Miss Clarissa Curtis.

In the TFS student directory, Mary Elizabeth is listed as residing in Halifax, North Carolina. The correspondence is addressed to her mother (a widow) at: White Rock, Gretna-Greene Post Office, Halifax County, North Carolina. Elizabeth is listed as a student at TFS from February 1837 until February 1839. Information accompanying the letters states that Elizabeth married Dr. Peter Hawkins and that she lived from 1822-1867.

Dear Friend, New October 2nd 1827. Sunday

There has doubtless been
more than a fortnight of the season
has elapsed and yet I would have thought I should have heard she
have been anxiously expecting a letter for the last
night or two days. I cannot imagine what can be the cause
of this. I can but do not feel in the wildest mood.
I have anxiously looked for a letter from Cousin Eliza
and cannot imagine what is the reason she has
not written without it is that she wishes to subscribe.
I supposed you have received Mr. Lunt's letter before
this I hope. I am sure he you would like to know
what I think of your painting. (well) the arrangement
I shall commence with white on the canvas and begin
drawing and drawing. I told her I told her that you
wanted me to take oil painting she asked me
then if I knew any thing about drawing? I told her
the told me I should take oil painting without
drawing, no, but she said that she thought
that I had better take drawing as till I had from
you. then she gave me ~~some~~ some ~~of~~ of the
best children this last is quite hard but interesting
you will I dare say do not know what it treats
of it is a book that has lately been published

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You are a son of my own little school in fact. It is remarkable to find you feel
 have a right to be a part of it, like the one for the try come at the same place
 a letter from Boston a few days ago. he was in fact

and I only studied in this institution it is the
 wide world of law the author from whom it is
 based is Blackstone. It is written by Mr Phelps our father
 but Hindsdale and several of the girls think it is her
 see then moral philosophy we have to confine our
 below outside most of the words of the books.
 by which you would like to know how I spend.
 the first hour on the morning which is from nine
 to a quarter before ten I am in my room second
 hour I am in H. Lykes and a study I have very
 much third hour in room fourth hour in legal
 studies fifth hour in chemistry. My first hour in
 the afternoon in reading but have some days
 Hindsdale takes music lesson on piano teaching
 sitting on toilet. first hour in the evening practice
 on being second on toilet. I have all very good
 teachers this term.

I did not take the last books of Euclid as
 expected D. but D. said she thought I had a
 plenty for one term but she did know how I
 take them the next term. but if I am get off from
 them next term I will not take them without
 with me. D. great many go through the course
 without taking them. Still his D. of course get
 through the course in less than two years in the
 first place. Would he if he thought would
 get through in less time than two. I don't recollect
 whether she said get a copy then she asked me
 if I did not expect I stay as long as I had. Still
 her I did not know that it was very uncertain.

told us thought it depended on how you felt when you
 wrote I was sure, he laugh & said, "No! He will be on next
 Thursday has to tell me in your next whether you intend
 for me to stay until the twelve months from next Aug.
 because if you do I shall not hurry about my studies. What
 means I am here, but don't know how I shall prepare myself.
 I can get through the course I think in eighteen months
 if I leave off drawing after I have taken it enough so as
 to take oil painting. But not wish for you to judge for
 this that I am possessed at all for I am not but
 it is because you are my dear friend that I want to get
 through soon at least. I have just been over D
 last letter. you sh. sh. his last D you & my father
 had a capital hand with the line had one of his drawings
 in there & I be so much of a horse before &
 I have said here that I should make up a new
 look & clean up, even when you have & another thing
 I have made me a dog skin. I wrote D you
 last & all of them says it is very nice. My bird
 D me I sh. sh. not think you could do it you
 would get tired. I am very well & am separate
 if you will D be here about the summer
 evening in the year I do not believe you would
 know me suddenly I have altered so much so
 that I say I have given so much that I have D
 have all my dresses that I wore the summer have on
 here take down so that I could wear them. I feel
 rather bad D day & yesterday I have of the death of little boy.
 My, he got perfectly well in the morning & died before the
 that evening. He was about what was D matter with him
 & his heart that thought so much of him and some more & will

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Good morning. We hope you had a good night's rest. We received a letter from Joe Lou a few days ago. It contained a great many cordials among them and the whole thing was so sweet and so kind that I thought from its loving face, that all the love the world was ever known to put forth.

No. 5 Second Hall October 8, 1837 Sunday evening

Mother dear dearest Mother

More than a fortnight of the term has elapsed and not a word I heard from dear ma I have been anxiously expecting a letter for the last eight or ten days cannot imagine what can the reason be except you all do not feel in the writing mood. I have anxiously looked for a letter from cousin Patty and cannot imagine what is the reason she don't write it is that she wishes to retaliate.

I suppose you have received Miss Susan's letter before this I presume dear ma you would like to know what studies I am pursuing. (well) the ornamentals I shall commence with music on the Piano and guitar, dancing and drawing I told Mrs. Willard that you wanted me to take oil painting she asked me then if I knew any thing about drawing? I told her no she told me I could take oil painting without drawing any but she said that she thought that I had better take drawing until I heard from you. Then she gave me Chemistry, Algebra and Legal Classics this last is quite hard but interesting you will I dare say do not know what if it treats off as it is a book that has lately been published and is only studied in this institution it is the rudiments of law. The author from whom it is collected is Blackstone it is written by Mr. Phelps our teacher Mrs. Hinsdale and several of the girls think it is harder than moral philosophy we have to confine ourselves entirely most to the words of the books. Any time you would like to know how I spend the first hour in the morning which is from nine to a quarter before ten I am in my room second hour I am in algebra and a study I love very much third hour in room fourth hour in Legal classics, fifth hour in Chemistry, two first hour in the afternoon in drawing, last hour Mondays & Thursdays take music lesson on piano, Tuesday & Friday on guitar, first hour in the evening practice on piano second on guitar. I have all very good teachers this term.

I did not take the last books of Euclid as I expected to Mrs. W. said she thought I had a plenty for one term but she said I would have to take them the next term. but if I can get off from then next term I will not take them without you wish me to great many go thought the course without taking them. I told Mrs. W if I could get through the course in less than two years in the first place I asked her if she thought I could get through in less time then two I don't recollect whether she said yes or no. Then she asked me if I did not expect to stay as long as I have I told her I did not know that it was very uncertain. I told her I thought it depended on how you felt

when you came to see me. She laugh & said I hope she will be on next August. Ma do tell me your next whether you intend for me to stay untill twelve months from next August because if you do I shall not hurry about my studies I don't mean to say hurry but I don't know how to express myself. I can get through the course I think in eighteen months if I leave off drawing after I have taken it enough so as to take oil painting. I do not wish for you to judge from this that I am homesick at all for I am not but it is because I feel for my dear ma that I want to get through as soon as I can. I have just been over to Mrs. Curtis room she sends her love to you & Miss Baker, Mrs. C wished to know whether Jane had gone to Mr. Burgess. Ma I have got to be so much of a house keeper since I have been here that I calculate to make up my own bed & clean my room when I get home & another thing I have made me a dress since I wrote to you last & all of them says it fits very nicely, Mary said to me Lib I did not think you could do it you would get tired. I am very well & am regular ma if you were to see me around the seminary racing in the yard I do not believe you would know me considerably I have altered so much so they all say. I have grown so much that I had to have all my dresses that I wore the summer I came on here taken down so that I could wear them. I feel rather bad to day & yesterday I heard of the death of Willey Perry he got perfectly well in the morning & died before nine that morning. I do not know what was the matter with him & his aunt that thought so much of him was from home & will not be here until Tuesday. To think how suddenly you might be cut off from me or one of my dear brothers or sisters it is calculated to make me feel bad or any person & particularly when they are from those they love as themselves. I had a letter from Brother a few days ago he was well Dear Ma I hope you will excuse the looks of this letter & those blots for they got on there just as I was about to turn over. I should not send it but I know I shall have time to write another until a week from now. Good night dear ma give my love to all friends particularly

Good morning ma I hope you had a good nights rest. Mrs. W. received a box from Ceylon a few days ago it contained a great many curiosities among them was the idol they worship which was the Brahmah Mrs. W. thought from its having four hands. Mr. Poor the gentle man from whom it was sent her a great many shells & some beautiful ones two the sunfish was among the curiosities & a great many other things. very cold & stoves not up got on my blanket shawl I

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, October 15
ALS

Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

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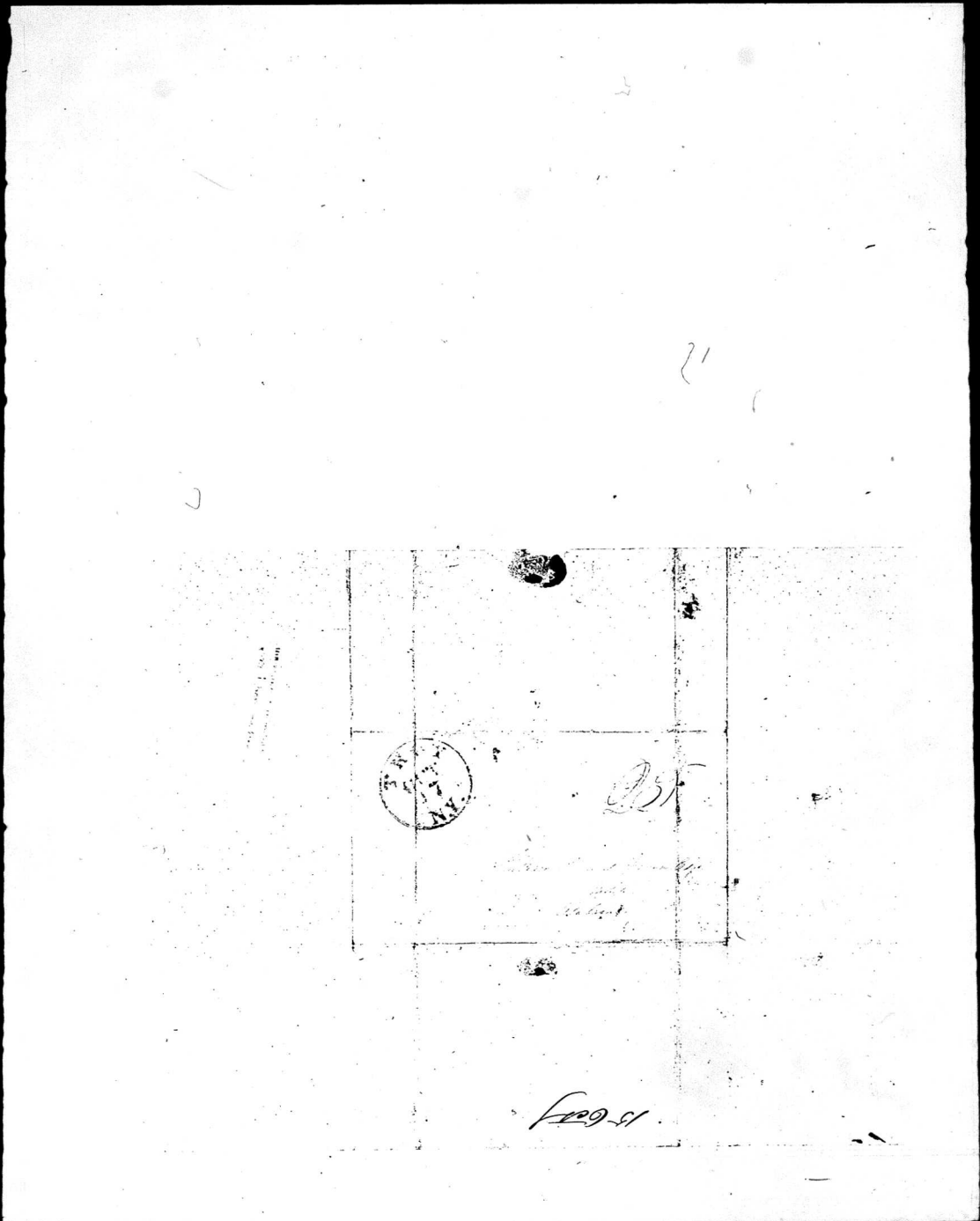
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I was introduced to the Lady of Hales a few days since
in April & you had your last ride the twelfth of August.
You had lately announced me of our lamented Lord's May
Richard of Chatterton the 22nd great son exhibiting Lady & Charles
withal, not formerly a friend of that society. I expected
you would see that Richard felt as the knights visiting
Hales before the storm from the sailing time. When I
think of her, I can claim that there is no romance like this in it.

I should be very glad to present to you the
 book I left home. I was surprised to say even with the
 price on the new treatment. I suppose by taking a new
 diet and some other such effective thing. I
 am sure that always about present and some from visiting you
 in part of the month say together visiting days.
 Mrs. Brewster's method to be recommended to you.
 Just before we leave we to see to you that she would
 be so happy to have found you. To you would like the
 book to be so.

That you may be prepared to happy that we may continue
 some the greatest pleasure of having you as the same kind of
 from our affectionate
 Mrs. C. Brewster

Mr. William Brewster



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Troy Female Seminary 15th Oct. [1837?]

From your long silence, my Dear Uncle, I have very naturally concluded, that my frequent letters could not be very acceptable, and consequently I have thought that I would not write you again until I had been requested to do so by yourself. Though this conclusion was not the result of a moments thought, but of much reflection on the foolishness of the course I was pursuing - writing you once a fortnight (when nearly nine months had elapsed since you had replied) & thus soliciting as it were your notice still you perceive that I have already either changed my upon the subject or acted in opposition to them. Which it is I scarcely know myself. I can only say that I felt very much inclined to write you to day upon hearing that it was the fifteenth & have acted as you perceive in accordance with my inclination trusting to your kindness to forgive if I intrude. Sister Sophia & myself arrived here on the sixth after a very pleasant trip from Vermont in company with Mrs. Foster who was very kind and attentive. Sophia is quite contented here, likes the Seminary very much. The school is quite full at present is composed almost entirely of strangers which makes it appear much like a new place. Mrs. John Willard, Mrs. Emma successor presides with much dignity & governs the school with the same regularity & systematick order as her predecessor.

I shall probably leave in about three weeks and enter upon my new duties. Mrs. Willard is very anxious to send me to Edenton Putman County Georgia. She has written to ascertain the time. If they are willing to give me \$500 I shall accept the offer as Mrs Willard thinks it a very good situation for me. My time would be almost entirely occupied in teaching Musik & Should I be disappointed in this situation I think I may go to Kentucky. I enjoyed my visit in Vermont very much, better even than I anticipated. Mother intends to rent the house this winter, & take Jeanette and Milly & live with Cousin Eliza Ann Benton. She has inclined to do so on account of her poor health, and because she was advised to pursue this course as being the most economical. Frances & Emma will board in private families and attend the Seminary in Vergennes. I think Mother will enjoy herself much better, at least find it much easier than if she kept house & took all the charge of her numerous cares in her present state of health. Mrs. Townsend is here & intends spending the winter in Troy. Mr. William Edmond & wife & Mrs. Vail are expected very soon. They will probably make a very short visit in Troy it being so late

in the season.

I was introduced to Mr. of Mobile a few days since. He spoke of you, said you was well the twelfth of August. He has lately married one of our Vermont ladies. Mary Micheal of Charlotte. She is quite an interesting lady & talented withal. was formerly a pupil of this Seminary. I presume you will see Mrs. Willard Yates as she intends visiting Mobile before she returns from her wedding time. When I think of her, I can claim that this is no romance like that in . My health is very good at present, though I was quite ill the week I left home. I was confined to my room with the in my face occasioned I suppose by taking a severe cold in my head which much affected my teeth. It was this illness which prevented me from writing you the first of the month my regular writing day.

Mrs. Townsend wished to be remembered to you. Aunt Sophia wished me to say to you that she would be very happy to hear from you. If you would take the trouble to write her.

That you may be prosperous & happy & that we may ever long have the extreme pleasure of hearing from you is the sincere wish of

Your ever Affectionate Niece

Jane E. Burritt

Mr. William Phineas Brown.

BURRITT, JANE
To Phineas Brown
Year Unknown, November 1
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Alabama Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Letters to her uncle, William Phineas Brown, who lives in the South and is paying for her schooling. The early letters are written while she is a student at Mrs. Richards' School in Troy. In these letters, Jane relates the courses she is taking. In May, a fracas between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vail (who is acting for Jane's uncle) ensues when Jane receives permission from her uncle to change to Mrs. Willard's school. Jane also writes some anecdotes about Mrs. Emma and Mrs. John Willard and an incident which occurs when an abolitionist lectures at TFS. There is also a handwritten copy of a TFS expense bill.

Biography - Jane Burritt was born in Vergennes, VT. She attended TFS from 1836-1839. She taught in the South and married there.

My Dear Uncle

As I am a very young man I have not yet
seen you have written me you must suppose that I have
been not only very happy but under great excitement
very unhappy I have endeavored however to look upon the
bright side with regard to greatly and think that you
will all be happy until I was much surprised by
the intelligence which I received from a letter from Boston
that you had been very ill. I was thankful to learn
that you were recovering but when I saw my dear Uncle
what must have been my feelings. Had you not been
indeed to be gone but I had not been prepared for this as
you had been of affection. I had been in such the thought
that I was not prepared that you who have been so kind to me
a kind comfort and support the feeling of an affectionate

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What should have been suffering & I have done, being wrong
say he has been quiet & in my eye and body, a little
of that way, I am sorry to inform my friend that it is
greater than I can bear & I must in fact have with me
some more than I have now in a manner, it does not seem
to be the better things of which I am, whether I am doing
what I ought to do, in company with my companions,
or alone by myself, independent of the fact that
my mind and not only that, my happiness but that
you must be & have better of the regular family to comply
with your agent for you cannot suppose that such such
unpleasant circumstances as I am placed in can affect me
any farther to the center, the place being that the many
necessities which I must be for a small space.

The Widow, and her

my kind to you, she is a friend to whom I can go
with confidence, and remain there when I have
been she seems ready and willing at all times to give
me counsel and advice.

I was much grieved to hear of the death
of Henry. It is one of a thousand instances which show the
uncertainty and frailty of all human things.

Had I not been by my many faults
and sins I may be expected as at last before
I am glad to say that there is the hope of
your affectionate friend

John C. Bennett

Troy Female Seminary 1st Nov [1837?]

My Dear Uncle

As such a long very long time has elapsed since you have written me you must suppose that I have been not only very anxious but under present circumstances very unhappy. I have endeavoured however to look upon the bright side with regard to yourself and think that you were well and happy untill I was much pained by the intelligence which I received in a letter from Mother that you had been very ill, though I was thankful to learn that you were recovering. Conceive if you can my dear Uncle what must have been my feelings had your last letter proved indeed to be your last. Could I have that letter as your latest taken of affection? Could I have induced the thought that I was not forgiven & that you who have ever been to me a kind benefactor and occupied the place of an affectionate Father should have been unforgiving? I have done very wrong. My sin has been great. I now see my folly and bitterly repent it but surely I am ready to exclaim "my punishment is greater than I can bear." So I beseech my dear Uncle write me once more and spare me in a measure at least many painful bitter feelings. However I am, whatever I am doing whether engaged in study, in company with my companions or alone by myself unpleasant reflections of the past harass my mind and not only destroy my happiness but make me miserable. I have written you regularly merely to comply with your request for you cannot suppose that under such unpleasant circumstances as I am placed it can afford me any pleasure to write. It recalls many alas too many recollections which I would feign banish forever.

Mrs. Willard has been very kind to me, she is a friend to whom I can go with confidence and remains true when others forsake me. She seems ready and willing at all times to give me counsel and advice.

I was much grieved to hear of Mrs. Vails sickness. It is one of a thousand instances which shows the uncertainty and frailty of all human things.

That notwithstanding my many faults and errors I may so repent as at last to prove a comfort to my dear Uncle is the prayer of your Affectionate Niece.

Jane E. Burritt

RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1837 November 3
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

These letters are all written to Harriet's brother, William Russell. The contents include: hourly schedule of a day at TFS, daily duties, number of students preparing to become teachers, Mrs. Willard's request for donations to a female seminary in Athens, Greece, Mrs. Willard's engagement to Dr. Yates of New York City, Harriet's shoes wearing out because of the rapid daily walks, TFS day trip to Saratoga. In addition to these topics, there are also numerous comments about wanting to be at home with the family.

Biography - Harriet was a native of Litchfield, Conn. She was a student at TFS from March 1837 through February 1839. Harriet died in 1840.

Tory Sem. Sept. 1st 3rd 1837.

Dear Brothers,

I shall address you all in one letter and expect
separately answers in return. because I have not time to write
to each of you. I'll just give you the routine of the day -
I rise at 5 o'clock. make my bed sweep the room and
prepare for breakfast. breakfast at 7⁴⁵. walk from quarter
past 8 until nine. school commences at 9. 3/4 of an hour
is then devoted to the recitation of Philosophy - return to
my room. and study 3/4 of an hour, then go and say what
I have studied which occupies another 3/4. write 3/4 an
study 3/4 more - which occupies my time until quarter
of one - dine about half past 1. and at 2 o'clock
commence drawing which occupies me until near
dark. then go to prayers at 5. and are dismissed
from 5 to 7 we are at liberty to do as we please
which liberty I am seeking the most of though it
is near 7. at 8 commence studying when it is 9
we can go down stairs and get a piece of dry
bread and a pitcher of cold water - at 11 in the
morning we have a piece of dry bread also -
now to speak candidly don't you think that I am luck
provided for? Then are 60 girls in the school that
are preparing to be teachers. 40 of them board with
Mrs Willard. I like Mrs W. very much. William you
must send that picture to the teachers - you know
one of them asked you to draw them a picture and
sing her a song - there is the of damn old bell!!!

Good morning! writing by candle light I've no time now to write
you but I wish to hear from you so much. I'm determined to send this answer
letter. You will not disdain to answer it - will you?

Tell you what I want - need - William - some Lincoln paper for
 Crozon - and a few comb - They don't give us any but hard work
 William like enough. but ~~the~~ ship, Platt ~~was~~ to, H. yesterday
 and left me a nice piece, as a legacy - you may send me
 anything you can pick up, all of you - to make my room
 pleasant - and the next letter I write shall be written as
 nicely as a copy - Good morning again. your ever affection
 and fondly attached sister

Harriette.

Tell Henry this is as much
 to him as any one else for
 he must write to him.
 Sister Harriette C. Russell
 Troy Feb 20th
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and I shall receive it -

Mrs J. D. W. C. & H. E. Russell.

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Mr. William C. Russell.
No 91 Maiden Lane
New York.

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H. C. Russell
Nov 3, 1897

Troy Fem. Sem. Nov. 3, 1837

Dear Brothers,

I shall address you all in one letter and expect separate answers in return because I have not time to write to each of you. I'll just give you the routine of the day - I rise at 6 o'clock. make my bed sweep the room and prepare for breakfast. Breakfast at 1/2 7. walk from quarter past 8 until nine. school commences at 9. 3/4 of an hour is then devoted to the recitation of Philosophy - return to my room and study 3/4 of an hour, then go and say what I have studied which occupies another 3/4. Write 3/4 and study 3/4 more - which occupies my time until quarter of one.; dine about half past 1 and at 2 o'clock commence drawing which occupies me until near dark. Then go to prayers at 5 and are dismissed - From 5 to 7 we are at liberty to do as we please which liberty I am making the most of though it is near 7. At 8 commence studying when it is 9 we can go down stairs and get a piece of dry bread and a pitcher of a cold water - at 11 in the morning we have a piece of dry bread also. -

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Good morning! writing by candle light. I've no time now to write you but I wish to hear from you so much. I'm determined to send this awful letter. You will not disdain to answer it will you?

I'll tell you what I want - need - William - some charcoal paper for crayon - and a fine comb. They don't give us any but hard soap William sure enough, but Miss Platt went to N.Y. yesterday and left me a nice piece, as a legacy - you may send me anything you can pick up, all of you - to make my room pleasant - and the next letter I write shall be written as nicely as a copy. Good morning again your ever affection and fondly attached sister

Harriet.

PS Tell Henry this is as much to him as any one therefore he must write to me.

Direct Harriet C. Russell

Troy Fem Sem. Troy, N.Y.

and I shall receive it.

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Messrs I. D. W. C. & H. E. Russell

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WILLIAMS, MARY ELIZABETH

Emma Willard School Archives

To Mary K. Williams

1837 November 13

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Mary Elizabeth signs herself as Elizabeth in all of the correspondence.

These ten letters, all but one of which are addressed to her mother, contain much information about TFS. These include: TFS daily life, housekeeping responsibilities, courses available, standing for examinations, and school rules regarding when and to whom a student can write letters. Particular incidents about Emma Willard are: the death and funeral of Willy, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willard; the burglary of Mrs. Willard's and her adopted daughter, Pauline's, clothing and jewelry; and the arrival of a box of "curiosities" from Mr. Poor of Ceylon (father of Susan Poor, a student at TFS). A course called Legal Classics was being offered exclusively at TFS. This course, concerning the rudiments of law, uses a recently published text by Mr. Phelps (who married Almira Hart Lincoln in 1831.) Reference is made to teachers: Miss Baker, Miss Allen, and Miss Clarissa Curtis.

In the TFS student directory, Mary Elizabeth is listed as residing in Halifax, North Carolina. The correspondence is addressed to her mother (a widow) at: White Rock, Gretna-Greene Post Office, Halifax County, North Carolina. Elizabeth is listed as a student at TFS from February 1837 until February 1839. Information accompanying the letters states that Elizabeth married Dr. Peter Hawkins and that she lived from 1822-1867.

the last every thing of which he left a dear one she
loved him an affectionate little sister and
brother, having children, does any more? and
it is a water grave or perhaps old iron beneath the
oil and blood gravel. How it hurts a sh, but
what near the brown belt of the church telling
an attempt to meet and see the last. I
wrote of a dear friend, the ten clock till it begins
to get dark by the way. Dear is my sister
and a little sleep, soft - than.

Truly yours, nearly self felt mine
I have part the whole before in old
this evening ever since had some about in practice
on the piano and guitar. I hope to start to
and told me what you said about my taking
lessons on guitar but she said she thought I should
better continue taking lessons. I presume you would
like to know what studies I have taken this term.
They are all familiar, French, English and Latin,
and classical, Chemistry and Algebra, singing and
dancing, above which of legal studies I have been
only hear through it. I'll send some. I shall send
thames next term. She asks you not to be so
nervous about it but we should do, want you.
This way I was at the theatre not long ago.
I called upon them. She was so very polite and she
seemed rather glad to see me and I felt for her did
me to take her with her so kind if I am not
very much mistaken he asked me cousin, William
who unconsciously, talked more to him he ever
was to me. I hope. And I did her good evening.
She said you will come often want you to go just
right now that evening there then I was dead.
The first thing they did was ask me is what our
you and cousin William are married. I hope
I shall soon get married all the while they see
how I go. I went to a donation party.

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now we must send another letter.
your spoke about reading this winter. I wish
I could be with you & think it would be so nice
for you little friends to be all clustered round
a big fire, and have you & read good stories
and vice it would be that is the very ideal
to spend my time next winter if nothing else
prevents. Miss Parker would have Miss Phelps at in
Aug. of her escape, and she is no good if you leave.
Her friends here & say the wife writes home long
letters about my half offsprings good. Please hear with
Love & like love, now, well.



Miss Mary W. Williams
Belmont House
Brooklyn N.Y.

Have they changed the name of the station a note
the post mark on my last card says
Sara Barrett sends love to you & one of the
girls that have with a good deal.

Troy Female Seminary Nov. 13th 1837

My Dear dear Ma

I received your sweet and kind epistle this noon and once more attempted to write to my lovely Ma which I should have done two weeks ago. I have scarcely been able to contain myself since I received yours. I feel so happy with idea of so soon returning to the fond embraces of my dear ma and other dear relatives to enjoy your society which is always pleasant and instructive and I consider it one of my greatest privileges even to write much more will I consider it a privilege to be in your society which is not excelled by many but why should I anticipate so much pleasure I too like one of my companions may be cut off by the resistless hand of death. I presume dear ma that you have heard of that dreadful shipwreck that took place near Charlestown in which eighty-five persons lost their lives among the number that fell victims of such an untimely grave was one of my companions and one that I thought good deal off. her name was Miss Robert she lived a few miles from Savannah she left the seminary which has been her place of abode for the last two years on the fourth of October she went to N. York and spent her time there until the seventh when she embarked on board the steamer Home and endearing name her body was found and she has been buried the way her name was found out by means of a mark on her she had every thing to make her happy a dear ma she possessed like me an affectionate little sister and brother Isabella Isabella where are you now? consigned to a watery grave or perhaps she lies beneath the cold and silent clod. there is scarcely a day but what I hear the solomn toll of the church tolling for an assembly to meet and see the last remains of a dear friend the ten o'clock bell is ringing so I have to put up by the way to day is my birth day and a birth day gift mama.

Tuesday evening nearly half past nine I have spent the whole after noon in oil painting this evening ever since tea I have spent in practicing on the Piano and Guitar. I spoke to Mrs. W and told her what you said about my taking lessons on Guitar but she said she thought I had better continue taking lessons. I presume you would like to know what studies I have taken this term they are oil painting, music on Piano, and Guitar, Legal Classics, Chemistry and Algebra, singing, and dancing I have given up Legal classics. I have been very near through it the second time. I shall take Lord Kames next term. Ma will you not be on next August to hear me examined do wont you by the way I was at Mr. Warren's not long ago. I called upon them.

Phebe was so very polite and she seemed rather glad to see me and she persuaded me to take tea with her so I did if I am not very much mistaken she called me cousin. William was uncommonly talkative more so then he ever was to me before. When I bid her good evening she said you will come often won't you? I enjoyed myself more that evening there than I ever did. The first thing they always ask me is whether you and cousin Martha are married. Phebe talks about your getting married all the while they all send love to you. I went to a donation party the other evening. I met Mr. W. there first thing was whether cousin Martha was married & I suppose she is not? Tell P. I am tired of _____ tell her to write soon if you please I have got a good deal to tell her about the good people of Troy and particularly about the seminary my love to her.

Wednesday morning a few moments to write got to take a music lesson soon. I have got to read a composition in school to day. Tell P. I go into the parlor quite often looking glass full of cards. Tell P. I receive a present of an album the other day from a gentleman it was from Mr. Rice mind don't tell P. though he has left for New Orleans.

I was very much surprised to hear that Uncle B. was married, and particularly the one to whom I think she was too young for him. I was sorry to hear that about cousin Melissa what kind of a gentleman is Mr. Long. Do tell me all about the good _____ of Carolina do tell who are society what are they and all about them and her? Tell cousin E. that I did not think she possessed the spirit of retaliation before this tell her we are commended to return good for evil, not evil for evil. Tell Miss Susan she is a school girl now and has as much time as me and I presume more so I hope she will take the hint and write soon.

You spoke about reading this winter I wish I could be with you as I think it would be so nice for your little family to be all collected round a nice fire and have you to read to us how nice it would be that is the way I calculate to spend my time next winter if nothing don't prevent. Miss Baker sends love & Miss Phelps I am in two of her classes and she is as good as you please. Mrs. B. sends love & says she will write you a long letter about my ladyship soon. I still room with Sarah & like her very well.

Ma do write to me soon and give all the news as _____ thing will be interesting you would like to know who I take singing lessons of well of Mr. Andrews. he is the best singing there is here in fact if I could not take of him I should not care about taking it. I have

finished my first piece in oil painting. Give my love to all inquiring friends by the way Why did not Mr. W. come to see me I think he might have done it. I believe Mr. W. thinks some thing of going to Carolina if he does he will go to Uncle's.

I have another letter to write this afternoon so I have to hurry. I know of nothing more to write so good by Ma I shall to see you here next August I am perfectly well and happy

Good by your affectionate E.

Have they changed the name of the P.O. office or not? the post mark on my last was West

Jane Burritt sends love she is one of the girls that I am with a good deal.

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RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1837 November 22
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

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Biography - Harriet was a native of Litchfield, Conn. She was a student at TFS from March 1837 through February 1839. Harriet died in 1840.

July 25. Sun. Nov 22nd 1837.

Dear William

I am ever beginning my letters with complaints, and is it ever to be so. you don't write and I've had but one letter since I've been here. I have given the rounds and written to them all, but one or two, and among them is 'Grand', you would not get this only, there is a young lady here that remembers you some half dozen years ago, her name is Belina Vaughan; her half brother, or rather brother in law, used to live in the house with Ingham, when you studied there. She says she was an ugly little creature, and she expects you used to hate her - but she is very pretty now - good natured and pleasant. She looks like a lady you know, that is called Rachel. She was at school at Long Spring, when Putt-Hodges was there. I would write her six months. But that is nothing to you. I would like to know if you recollect her. She says you used to wear a velvet cap, and it used to make her afraid of you. And that you was the greatest tease that ever she saw. I can well laugh if you could hear what she says she used to do and how she used to act. She is very smart and has such an innocent way about her it is really ~~very~~ charming. How old was she when you ~~was~~ were at Ingham? She looks very young now (not more than 17) and she recollects distinctly every thing that went on and says you drew her eyes once for Ingham - she is sickly - has been very ^{sick} much. You must write to me as soon as you get this, and send me the things that I sent for, in my other letter by the first opportunity - or you coming up again before the river closes. You will write to me? William Lee said

you said you would perhaps come. Oh how I do
wish you would. Cornelia Thomas called to see me not
long since with a Mr. Perry. Have you seen him since
he returned?

"Have you heard from home of late, and if so how are
they all. Do Rachel well, and remember me to her and
the family. please don't forget it."

I have been drawing a head in pencil that they try to
make me believe is very fine, but I know to the con-
trary. You know Mr. Prescott says that flattery is only
flattery to the person flattered - that's the way in this
instance - but I believe that I can in the course of
events do something pretty well.

I cannot get down to N.Y. in the spring vacation because
the river will not be open and they say that Willard allows
them to go down sometimes after it has opened to spend
a week. but I think I shall not avail myself of the kind
dispensation - unless that, that was talking of is sure
to take place in the week - you understand.

I would just try to prove to you that I can write better if I
had a good pen, and time, but I have neither at present.

I have changed my room since I came - I had a miserable
back one, but now I have a delightful front one, facing
the lawn - "I want to know," if you have such pleasant
weather in N.Y. as we do here - I am now sitting with
my window open, and the air really feels like summer -
Tell Isaac when I write to him I am going to make a request
as he is so fond of making pretty and good things I am
going to ask him to make me anolian warp. I have
such a delightful window, the "buses blow through the
trees" into it all the while -

There is going to be a subscription raised for the
advancement of education in Greece, among the Sem-
girls, and I have no money. What shall I do? I am sure
I don't know do you? - if you do just tell me - They are
about erecting a seminary for the education of females
at Athina - and Mrs Willard ~~wishes~~ ^{wishes} the girls to subscribe
something towards its advancement in this way. She has
given her journal, to this society and wishes us to make
a subscription only among the scholars, to get it re-
published in good style, and the proceeds are to be-
long to the society for the promotion of female education
in Greece - Would be a great thing to tell that her
scholars published her journal for such excellent
reasons - I do not know how we can I have any conception
of what note be the cost, or what each will subscribe -
I suppose some will give more & some less - might I do so -
You must try to help me out of my dilemma -
Don't fail to write soon. Give my love to both of our
Dear Brothers - and tell them to write, I mean in particular -
because Helen knows he has got to write - and believe
that I love you more the less for sending you such
a miserable scrawl as this, your ever affectionate
and fondly attached sister

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William C. Phelps -

Mr. William C. Rufelle.
No 91 Maiden Lane
New York.

W. C. Rufelle
Nov 22 1897

Troy Fem. Sem. Nov. 22nd, 1837

Dear William,

I am ever beginning my letters with complaints, and it is ever to be so. You don't write and I've had but one letter since I've been here. I have gone the rounds and written to them all, but one or two, and among them is Isaac; you would not get this only there is a young lady here that remembers you some half dozen years ago, her name is Orlina Vaughan; her half brother, or rather brother in law, used to live in the house with Ingham, when you studied there. She says she was an ugly little urchin, and she expects you used to hate her - but she is very pretty now - good natured and pleasant - she looks like a lady you know, that is called Rachel. She was at school at Sing-Sing when Glet Hodges was there - roomed with her six months. But that is nothing to you. She would like to know if you recollect her. She says you used to wear a velvet cap and it used to make her afraid of you. And that you was the greatest teaser that ever she saw. You would laugh if you could hear what she says she used to do and how she used to act, she is very sweet and has such an innocent way about her it is really charming. How old was she when you were at Inghams? She look very young now not more than 17 and she recollects distinctly every thing that went on and says you drew her eyes once for Ingham - she is sickly - has been very sick much. You must write to me as soon as you get this, and send me the things that I sent for in my other letter by the first opportunity. Are you coming up again before the river closes. You will won't you? William Lee said you said you would perhaps come. Oh how I do wish you would. Cornelia Thomas called to see me not long since with a Mr. Dewey. Have you seen him since he returned?

Have you heard from home of late and if so how are they all? Is Rachel well. remember me to her and the family. please don't forget it.

I have been drawing a head in pencils that they try to make me believe is very fine, but I know to the contrary. You know Mr. say that flattery is only flattery to the person flattered - that's the way in this instance - but - I believe that I can in the course of events do something pretty well.

I cannot get down to N.Y. in the spring vacation because the river will not be open and they say Mrs. Willard allows them to go down sometimes after it has opened to spend a week, but I think I shall not avail myself of the kind dispensation - unless that, that were talking of is

sure to take place in the week - you understand. I would just try to prove to you that I could write better if I had a good pen and time, but I have neither at present. I have changed my room since I came - I had a miserable back one, but now I have a delightful front one, facing the Lawn - "I want to know!" if you have such pleasant weather in N.Y. as we do here - I am now sitting with my window open and the air really feels like summer - Tell Isaac when I write to him I am going to make a request, as he is so fond of making pretty and good things I am going to ask him to make me an Aeolian Harp. I have such a delightful window, the "breezes blow through the tresses" into it all the while.

There is going to be a subscription raised for the advancement of education in Greece, among the Sem girls and I have no money. What shall I do? I am sure I don't know do you! if you do just tell me - They are about erecting a seminary for the education of Females at Athens - and Mrs. Willard wishes the girls to subscribe something towards its advancement in this way. She has given her journal to this society and wishes us to make a subscription (only among the scholars), to get it republished in good style, and the proceeds are to belong to the society for the promotion of female education in Greece. Would be a great story to tell - that her scholars published her journal for such excellent reasons. I do not know nor can I have any conception of what will be the cost, or what each will subscribe. I suppose some will give more & some less - & soon you must try to help me out of my dilemma. Don't fail to write soon. Give my love to both of our Dear Brothers and tell them to write, Isaac in particular because he knows he had got to write - and believe that I love you none the less for sending you such a miserable scrawl as this, your ever affectionate and fondly attached sister

Harrie. . . .

William C. Russell

RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1838 January 7
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Biography - Harriet was a native of Litchfield, Conn. She was a student at TFS from March 1837 through February 1839. Harriet died in 1840.

Say From Low, Jan'y 7th 1888.

Dear William,

It has not been so much from want of inclination, as time, that I have not written you - Christ -mas week passed without my performing half of the what I anticipated - So it is with every thing in this world - apropos - I expected I should be one of the many happy ones, at your wedding, and I am disappointed, though I have not given up entirely - Miss Phelps says, she should think I might go to Hudson and then take the boat to N.Y. as the river is open so far - without any one's coming for me - John Willard would not me under some one's care - I have actually been half crazy ever since I received your letter - And do you wonder? You threatened not to write me again in six months if I did not ~~return~~ yours by the second return - so I have taken Sunday evening to answer it, for tomorrow my lessons are so long and difficult that I could not possibly write -

I acknowledge the receipt of your very acceptable presents, (although a late arrival), with many thanks - and will not if possible give you reason to say that I repay you only when in a dilemma - I am in a greater one than ever now though - You

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So I can think of nothing else but the wedding. Tell Rachel that the only reason that I do not write to her is that I am such a very poor ^{epistolary} ~~epistolary~~ writer I am capable to - No, you need not either, "I'll try" - & do my best - and wait to your care - shall I?

She dear son, I do wish I could go down - I should be "happy beyond description" as Hester alias Hunt - says she is - (I mean begin to write but some one comes in and talks incessantly) - I have wrote home an explicit description of her house, their round of dissipation and pleasure, and last of all that they had family prayers - The folks thought 'twas hard to reconcile the two - but I don't know - they will give up their ^{worldly} enjoyments for the more solid and lasting pleasure of the family altar, after a while and then they will feel happy that they commenced as they did - Shouldn't you think of that I was an old woman? married too -

Thos Isaac from South yet or given it up - is Young well and as you wish you cannot be otherwise - I wait to come - I tell you - You have no conception of how much I wish to be there - Papa & Mother will say I may - For then I should see him and Kate - "Kill the birds with one stone", as vulgar people say - It was a great pity that you came up here as you did, for all the teaching felt in love

with you - Perhaps I would not tell you if you were
not going to be married so soon, for it might make
you vain - I am of them said so to day, - that they
thought you exceedingly fine looking and that
they liked you very much - I soon diffused this
my castle by telling them a fact - You must
not forget that picture when you are a married
man - Only just think of it! a married man -
Why Bill Puffer I shall not know you - But my
Dear William I wish you and Rachel all the
joy that is to be given to mortals here below -
Sincerely hope that you may enjoy in its prime &
purity, "That only bliss,
Elysium that has survived the fall" -

Give my kind remembrance to all John & Anne's
family - and all the friends that enquire for
me - if you please - also Miss & Henry -
Please read this, as though you knew just how
I am situated; no less than three in the room
besides myself - "in great haste" - and very very
anxious to see you to your wedding - your ever
affectionate son, Wm. Barrett.

Mr. W. C. Puffer.



*Mr. William C. Russell.
No 91 Maiden Lane
New York.*



*He Russell
Jan 7 1835*

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Troy Fem. Sem. Jan'y 7th 1838

Dear William,

It has not been so much from want of inclination, as time, that I have not written you - Christmas week passed without my performing half of what I anticipated. So it is with every thing in this world - apropos - I expected I should be one of the many happy ones, at your wedding, and I am disappointed, though I have not given up entirely - Miss Phelps says, she should think I might go to Hudson and then take the boat to N.Y. as the river is open so far - without any one's coming for me - John Willard could put me under someone's care. I have actually been half crazy ever since I received your letter. And do you wonder? You threatened not to write me again in six months if I did not answer yours by the second return - so I have taken Sunday evening to answer it, for tomorrow my lessons are so long and difficult that I could not possibly write.

I acknowledge the reception of your very acceptable presents, (although at so late a period), with many thanks - and will not if possible give you reason to say that I address you only when in a dilemma - I am in a greater one than ever now though. - You see I can think of nothing else but the wedding. Tell Rachel that the only reason that I do not write to her is that I am such a very poor epistolary writer, I am afraid to. No, you need not either, "I'll try" & do my best and direct to your care - shall I?

Oh dear me, I do wish I could go down - I should be "Happy beyond description" as A. S. Lee, alias Hunt - says she is - (I begin to write but some one comes in and talks incessantly) - She wrote home an explicit description of her house, their round of dissipation and pleasure, and last of all that they had family prayers. Her folks thought 'twas hard to reconcile the two - but I don't know - they will give up their worldly enjoyments for the more solid and lasting pleasures of the family altar, after a while and then they will feel happy that they commenced as they did. Shouldn't you think that I was an old woman? - married too -

Has Isaac gone south yet or given it up - is Henry well and are you well? You cannot be otherwise - I want to come - I tell you - you have no conception of how much I wish to be there - I hope Father will say I may. For then I should see him and Kate - "Kill two birds with one stone", as vulgar people say - It was a great pity that you came up here as you did, for all the teachers fell in love with you. Perhaps I would not tell you if you were not going to be married

so soon, for it might make you vain. Two of them said so today - that they thought you exceedingly fine looking and that they liked you very much. I soon dispelled their airy castles by telling them a fact - You must not forget that picture when you are a married man. Only just think of it! A married man - Why Bill Russell I shall not know you. But my dear William I wish you and Rachel all the joy that is given to mortals here below. sincerely hope that you may enjoy in , "That only bliss, of paradise that has survived the fall" -

Give my kind remembrances to all of Mr. family - and all the friends that enquire for me - if you please - also Isaac and Henry. - Please read this, as though you know just how I am situated; no less than three in the room besides myself - "in great haste" - and very very anxious to go to your wedding - your ever affectionate sis, Harriett - -

Mr. W. C. Russell.

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RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1838 January 20
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Very Res. Serv. for 20th 59

My Dear Brother,

I have at length arrived at a definite conclusion, though it was a difficult matter for me to do it. viz. not to go to New York. There is no prospect of the river opening, before Spring, enough for the boats to run and I think just as you do about its being a great undertaking to travel to Hudson by land. Also, examination is near at hand, and should I lose a week or two I should make but a poor appearance on the stage of action. Another thing you will have expenses enough without adding that of my journey - so you see considering all things, I conclude though much against my inclination, not to come to your wedding, a circumstance that I have thought of for two years, nearly, as one at which I should be present, and enjoy myself. I must say how much, but till Kate is well got married, and let you come. I have enjoyed being at two weddings since I have been here - I think was alone -

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You have no idea of how I feel about giving up being
Ben and being bridesmaid - and seeing you (and
Rachel) standing up together. I was laughing
and talking about it when the officer of the week
came in, and said it seemed to me I heard you
laughing - so you did, says I. She laughed too,
and went her way. It is very pleasant here.
I'll assure you I like it well. Tell Father as -
give my very best love to him and tell him that
I wish to come a great deal because he was
there - and tell Ruth that she is bridesmaid doffer
but by the time I wish to be married she will be quite
expectant I shall surely have her for mine - if she don't
happen to get married first -

You must not forget to send me some wedding cake
as you promised - you may state I shall be very glad
something in the paper or box or whatever you send it in.
Ruth and Isaac are doing very well. You don't know
how happy it did make me feel to take that bundle
after bundle in the one you sent me last. You don't know
what it is to be at boarding school. I do not believe
you think or can much about it one way or the other
much now do you? How I would like to see you.

Give my love to Rachel and respects to the family.
I wish I had a little more self-esteem, and perhaps
I might succeed in writing a letter to him. I had
myself told to May - Self-esteem is wanting and
Oleina Vaughan has it outrageously large - what do
you think of that? She is a very pretty and good natured
girl - I recollect having heard you speak of her

about putting the little boy in the coffin - and making
him cry - do you remember? I took him and the mother
- But it is more than time - and I must conclude
by expressing you of my true affection as a sister -
Love to all - Harriet



*Mr. William A. Duffie.
No 91 Madison Lane.
New York.*

*Wm. A. Duffie
May 21 1878*

Troy Fem. Sem. Jany 20th 38

My Dear Brother,

I have at length arrived at a definite conclusion, though it was a difficult matter for me to do it. viz. not to go to New York. There is no prospect of the river's opening before Spring enough for the boats to run and I think just as you do about its being a great undertaking to travel to Hudson by land. Also, examination is near at hand, and should I lose a week or two I should make but a poor appearance on the stage of action. Another thing you will have expenses enough without adding that of my journey - so you see considering all things, I conclude though much against my inclination, not to come to your wedding, a circumstance that I have thought of for two years, nearly, as one at which I should be present, and enjoy myself I won't say how much, but tell Cate she must get married, and let me come. I have missed being at two weddings since I have been here - I never was at one. - You have no idea of how I feel about giving up being there and being bridesmaid - and seeing you and Rachel standing up together. I was laughing and talking about it when the officer of the week came in, and said it seems to me I heard you laughing - so you did, says I. She laughed too, and went her way. It is very pleasant here I'll assure you. I like it well. Tell Father so - give my very best love to him and tell him that I wished to come a great deal because he was there - and tell Cate that she is bridesmaid so often that by the time I wish to be married she will be quite expert - I shall surely have her for mine if she don't happen to get married first.

You must not forget to send me some wedding cake as you promised you may tell Father he may put something in the paper or box or whatever you send it in. Cate and Isaac and Henry too. You don't know how happy it did make me feel to take out bundle after bundle in the one you sent me last. You don't know what 'tis to be at boarding school. I do not believe you think or care much about it one way or the other much now do you? How I would like to see you.

Give my love to Rachel and respects to the family. I wish I had a little more self-esteem, and perhaps I might succeed in writing a letter to her - I had my business told today - self-esteem is wanting and Orlina Vaughan has it outrageously large - what do you think of that? She is a very pretty and good natured girl - I recollect having heard you speak of her about putting the little boy in the cistern - and making him cry - do you remember? I told her and she recollects it but it is now bed time - and I must conclude by assuring you of my true affection as a sister -

Love to All --- Harriett

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RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1838 February 27
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

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Biography - Harriet was a native of Litchfield, Conn. She was a student at TFS from March 1837 through February 1839. Harriet died in 1840.

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New Brunswick, N. B., Feb. 24th, 1858.

My dear Brother Edward,

I trust your cup of happiness is so full, that my good wishes for the present, would add but little to your enjoyment. We therefore look to the future and with confident sincerity, wish that you may live long and happily together and enjoy to the extent of your wishes, the happiness that is now spread before you, and when you have arrived at the end of your earthly pilgrimage, may your passage from this to another world be as calm, peaceful and glorious, as that of your entering on this world's stage, is promising. If my good wishes can have any effect in the promotion of your happiness, I will wish you every good, that Divinity can receive from an all-wise and beneficent Creator and himself so joined, as to profit by them.

Examination is now at last, and the vacation is more than half gone; it is so tedious here, that I am half tempted to run away. Almost all the girls have gone home and the few that remain have privileges—but even ones!

I have had a slight attack of the Scarlet fever; it has raged in the seminary, but no very serious case occurred. It is really wonderful, but there has been a death here in this school, and it has been established there 17 years. One of the scholars was drowned in the Home on her way home. She had been here several years, and was just prepared. There was a very beautiful composition written, and read at

the examination on her legs, and just after it, a song of the
wreck of a ship, so this was the first examination after her
leaving school, Mrs Willard thought it would not appear
well, to allow it to pass without some reference being made
to it, although it was rather late.

I do not seem to taste any wedding cake this year and
so I expect to don't ^{you} think it very strange, when there has
been a wedding, so lately, and a brother of mine, too? I
cannot properly account for it, unless it is owing to the
cure's being frozen.

Finally, I have not another word to write, only that
I love William because I can't help it, and Rachel loves
William because she loves to all write soon both of you.
and believe me you are sincere and fondly
affectionate, sister.

Mr. Charles Rogers.

Hamlet.

a confession from the old man mentioned before yesterday
that he was beginning to feel the danger of forgetting
about until yesterday, his name is Lee, or a neighbor
of Dad's.

Yours

affectionately

McGinnis

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*Mr. William C. Russell.
1491 Broadway Lane
New York.*

May 2, 1893

H. C. Russell

Troy Fem. Sem. Feb. 27th 1838

My dear Brother & Sister,

I expect your cup of happiness is so full that my good wishes for the present would add but little to your enjoyment. I'll therefore look to the future and with unfeigned sincerity, wish that you may live long and happily together and enjoy to the extent of your wishes, the happiness that is now spread before you, and when you have arrived at the end of your earthly pilgrimage, may your passage from this to another world be as calm, peaceful and glorious as that of your entering on this worlds stage, is promising. If my good wishes can have any effect in the promotion of your happiness, I will wish you every good, that mortals can receive from an all wise and beneficent Creator, and hearts so tuned as to profit by them.

Examination is over at last, and the vacation is more than half gone; it is so lonesome here, that I am half tempted to run away. Almost all the girls have gone home and the few that remain have privileges - but such ones!

I have had a slight attack of the Scarlet fever, it has raged in the seminary, but no very serious case occured. It is really wonderful, but there has never a death been in this school, and it has been established these 17 years. One of the scholars was drowned in the Home on her way home. She had been here several years, and was just prepared. There was a very beautiful composition written and read at the examination, on her loss and just after it a song of the wreck of a ship, as this was the first examination after her leaving school. Mrs. Willard thought it would not appear well to allow it to pass without some reference being made to it, although it was rather late.

I've not seen nor tasted any wedding cake this year nor do I expect to, don't you think it very strange, when there has been a wedding so lately, and a brother of mine, too? I cannot possibly account for it unless it is owing to the rivers being frozen.

Positively, I have not another word to write, only that I love William because I can't help it, and Rachel because William loves her. Love to all. Write soon both of you, and believe me your ever sincere and fondly

affectionate sister

Harriet.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell

RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1838 June 1
ALS

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My Dear Brother,

I have sat in myself, after resolving for the one and twentieth time, to write you a letter, and now it is so tremendously warm that I can scarcely do it. However I must, so I am sure I shall never hear from dear brother William again.

How is Rachel? I was very much pleased indeed with her letter and shall answer it soon, if indeed she wishes to correspond with me. You tell me, when you write and then I will write to her. I am not going to say one word more about you, for not writing me, so I suppose you have been so very happy that you have almost forgotten me, but ^{make} a very humble request that you will write me a long letter with a full description of your home, and all that is in it - and to make more of a little I am going to give you something to do for me. Father said that I might have a paint box, well I have been here nearly a year and have none yet. If you think best you can get me one now, as I want it very much. If not, just tell me so and I can get one at the Stationery and have it changed in my "Bill of Lading". I suppose it will do just as well, if you say so. it will be some trouble to you to get it and send it so, but I depend on your supply. Another thing - I want some money, I have not a pair of shoes they make us walk at such a rapid rate that my shoes have lost their lustre as rapidly - if the times are not too hard I wish you would send me some and my shoes cry every day, because they are big still to do service in their old age. Have you heard that Mrs. Hallack is to marry Dr. Yates of New York? He has been here to see her. she is quite back at present, with the rheumatism. How engaging myself made quite a connection in the city of Troy - Almost as great as with the first of the sister with ^{him} from the same city of the same name - Would you believe it? the Rogers have a beautiful one - Mount Olympus - See Atlas, &c.

I had a most excellent letter from both a few days ago. Beautifully written and comforting, and would shame the one I am writing, too much for comparison - but I will write so nicely when I write to Rachel that you will not think of this. you must not let her see this for the world, as I do not wish to hear her form an ill-judgment of me. and I am sure she will if she sees one of my worst letters - so please don't let her see this but give my very best love and a kiss to her for me - not for yourself -

When I go home I am going by the way of F. & then I shall see your home, and after staying there a little while I shall take you and Rachel with me to N. Britain. Oh! I must - tell you quite a coincidence - I was looking over a biographical dictionary a few days ago, when my eye fell on the name Lady Rachel Plaford. I read the account of her life, and thought of your wife. online says she said look and see who her husband was, I looked when I saw a portrait of Lord William Russell. They were both very virtuous and he was a martyr - she is described as one of the beautiful examples of piety and loveliness that has ever fallen to the lot of a biographer to record - we may look in vain through the pages of fiction for an ideal creation more pure, more exemplary or more lovely - and he was in every respect her equal - Now you see the best wish I can make for you is that you may in every respect (except being a martyr) be like her. ~~the wife of the martyr - i.e. the wife of Lord William Russell - my room-mate was talking to me - she said she knew you would show this to your wife - and I said you would not - so you must not - it is too bad - please don't William - because - if you shall ask who offers you have shown it to her I'll, oh! I don't know what I should say.~~

Well I must write to a close - Give my love to all the good people that enquire and Isaac particularly - and don't forget to tell me about the paint box - and send me some compliments - pretty good sized ones as my ankles are not under siege - but be a health to you and happiness with my best wishes.
your ever aff. friend
Nanette



Mr. William C. Rogers.
No. 43 Canton
New York City
N.Y.

H. C. Rowe
Jan. 1895

Troy Fem. Sem. June 1st 1838.

My Dear Brother,

I have seated myself, after resolving for the one and twentieth time, to write you a letter, and now it is so tremendously warm that I can scarcely do it. However I must, or I am sure I shall never hear from dear brother William again -

How is Rachel? I was very much pleased indeed with her letter and shall answer it soon, if indeed she wishes to correspond with me. You tell me, when you write and then I will write to her. I am not going to say one word more about you, for not writing me, as I suppose you have been so very happy that you have almost forgotten me, but I shall make a very humble request that you will write me a long letter with a full description of your home, and all that is in it - and to make more sure of a letter I am going to give you something to do for me. Father said that I might have a paint box, well I have been here nearly a year and have none yet. If you think best you can get me one now, as I want it very much: if not, just tell me so and I can get one at the stationary and have it charged in my "Bill of Tuition." I suppose it will do just as well if you say so. It will be some trouble to you to get it and send it &c, but I depend on your reply. Another thing - I want some money, I have not a pair of shoes - they make us walk at such a rapid rate that my shoes have lost their luster as rapidly. If the times are not too hard I wish you would send me some as my shoes cry every day, because they are obliged still to do service in their old age. -- Have you heard that Mrs. Willard is to marry Dr. Yates of New York. -- He has been here to see her, she is quite sick at present, with the rheumatism - Her engaging herself made quite a commotion in the city of Troy - Almost as great as did the flight of Helen with Paris, from the ancient city of the same name. Would you believe it, The Trojans have a Mount Ida - Mount Olympus - Ida Falls &c. I had most excellent letter from Cath a few days ago - beautifully written and composed, and would shame the one I am writing too much for comparison - but I will write so neatly when I write to Rachel that you will not think of this; you must not let her see this for the world, as I do not wish to have her form an ill opinion of me - and I am sure she will if she sees one of my worst letters - so please don't let her see this but give my very best love and a kiss to her for me - not for yourself -

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Orlina Vaughan said look and see who her husband was, I looked when lo! and behold! twas Lord William Russell. They were both very virtuous and he was a martyr - she is described as one of the beautiful examples of piety and loveliness that has ever fallen to the lot of a biographer to record. We may look in vain through the pages of fiction for an ideal creation more pure, more exemplary or more lovely - and he was in every respect her equal - Now you see the best wish I can make for you is that you may in every respect (except being a martyr) be like them. The cause of this mistake is that my room-mate was talking to me - she said she knew you would show this to your wife - and I said you wouldn't. So you must not - it is too bad - please don't William - because if you should ask why after you have shown it to her I'll, oh! I don't know what I should say.

Well I must draw to a close - Give my love to all the good people that enquire and Isaac particularly - and don't neglect to tell me about the paint box - and send me some shin plasters - pretty good sized ones as my ankles are not under sized - but a health to you and happiness with my best wishes.

Your ever affectionate sister Harriett

RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1838 June 17
ALS

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Troy Conn. Jan 17th 1838

Dear Brother William,

Your letter I have just received and shall oblige you much by doing my duty this time. I have received the bundle safely and tender you my most sincere thanks for your kind contribution to the Bazaar. Everything in it pleased me exceedingly - the paint box is a beauty and I am as proud of it as you can imagine. I intended to write to-day or tomorrow acknowledging the receipt of said bundle - I was obliged to send postage on the bundle by a black man - thing so probable that he had had the change of it from my. Was it not too small?

I have been to Saratoga - what do you think of that? all the school went - about 100 girls and as many as 30 teachers - You had perfectly splendid times - only I stayed one day - same and went the same day - Mrs. Willard said she never saw a more beautiful party in her life - so much intelligence, with a good nature, combined in so large and amiable a party - she never enjoyed anything so much as she did watching us while there - she did not see one untidy little action - she did not say anything anyone could say to show she was delighted.

You need not worry yourself about my staying another year, I am in as great danger of going home as you are to be in you - all of you. Oh by the way, next time you write, I wish you would tell me how I am to come home - by the way of it if I could, but whether any of you will be up - & so on - will you remember her if you please!

That bundle that you sent me before this arrived and had the good of it? I thought not that you would think it was lost - else I should have written - but I was well and I have attended from one end the other, knowing that you were all well, I became careless - however I'll not do it again -

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I was enjoying to say least, content the contents of the first. Little, never thinking but that ^{myself} you would think that I had received it - when suddenly a badly off letter from my mother questioning the why & when of it I had not - and if I had got the bundle - and then, was rising the thought my own advantage - I wish however, thought that you would not see on my way the other. The next letter brought the same question from you in New York - I then wrote with it and I expect to hear from London next whether I have it. I have it: both of them - I am provoked at myself for not having written - very much it will be a gift to me for the future - Give a great deal of love to Rachel - I had told her that. Day as soon as the war of extermination is over I will write to me - Tell Anne & Mary that I am going to write very soon indeed - My thoughts are now entirely placed on going to N.Y. and taking you & Rachel down with me - Oh, how we will be happy - The school affords nothing interesting to write you and as I write this in great haste in order that it may go by the next post - You must excuse all imperfections, your ever fondly attached sister,

Harriet

Remember me to Mrs. Stowe's family.

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Mr. William H. Lippincott
100 N. 3rd St.
New York City

Wm. H. Lippincott
New York

Troy Female Seminary

June 17th 1838

Dear Brother William,

Your blue letter I have just received and shall oblige you much by doing my duty this time - I have received the bundle safely and tender you my most sincere thanks for your kind contribution to its contents. Everything in it pleased me exceedingly - the paint box is a beauty and I am so proud of it as you can imagine. I intended to written today or tomorrow acknowledging the receipt of said bundle - I was charge 50 cents postage on the bundle by a black man - thought probable that he had had the charge of it from N. Y. was it not too much?

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I was enjoying to my hearts content the contents of the first bundle, never thinking but that they at home would think that I had received it - when suddenly a volley of letters from every quarter questioning the why & wherefore - if I had not - and if I had got the bundle - and there I was using the things to my own advantage - I wrote home then, thought that you would not care one way or the other. The next bundle brought the same question from you in New York. Oh, dear when will it end. I expect to hear from London next whether I have it. I have it, both of them. I am provoked at myself for not having written - very much it will be a lesson to me for the future - Give a great deal of love to Rachel and tell her that I say as soon as the "war of extermination" is over she must write to me. Tell Isaac & Henry that I am going to write very

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fondly attached sister,

Harriett

Remember me to Mrs. Novers family

N.B. (The 10 dollar was as safe as could be, much very much obliged.)

RUSSELL, HARRIETT C.
To William Russell
1838 July 27
ALS

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Mr William C. Russell.
No 43 Beekman St.
New York.

W. C. Russell
July 27, 1858

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Troy Fem. Sem. July 27th 1838

Light of my eyes, spice of my affection, mustard of my soul. How I adore you!

Dear Bill, your letter was both joyful and sorrowful. Joyful, because it said Henry could come for me, sorrowful because you & Rachel cannot come for me. I intended to get all three of you here at once, but now must be content with one. One will please me, but three better would be- I write particularly now on business - I want another trunk as I have had several things sent me. (Nearly enough to fill a trunk) and have but one decent trunk - Now I don't wish to get a new one so I have a request to make - either you send me yours by Henry or have him bring his for me-- Will it be too much for me to ask? I am in want or else I should not make it. Very soon I shall begin to pack, and shall I pack as though I had two trunks or one? I mean shall I pretend I have two expecting the other. Oh! I know you will send it to me, so you need not write to say so. If you won't you may write - because I shall so soon see you now - only a little more than a week. Just think of it! I feel more and more impatient the nearer the time approaches - I should not send this hurried scrawl if it were not for the request above made.

My best love to all that you love - in which Henry is particularly included, telling him that he may come just as soon as he pleases and stay in Troy as long as he pleases I invite him. I wish I could leave Troy to-morrow. This from your ever affectionate and ever requesting sister.

Harriett

Mr. William C. Russell.

MASON, EMILY B.
To Catharine Rowland Mason
1840 February 12
ALS

Courtesy of the Burton Historical Collection
Detroit Public Library

February 12, 1840 from Emily to Catharine. She writes about a cloak/coat which she has made with a pattern from Philadelphia. Sewing, small matters, love matters and clothes make up most of the rest of the letter.

Biography - Emily was the daughter of General John Ann Thomson Mason Thomson and Eliza Baker (Moir) Mason. She was born in Lexington, KY. She spent the year from 1832 to 1834 at TFS. Her sisters Catharine Armstead Mason, and Laura also attended TFS. Emily's picture appears in Emma Willard and Her Pupils along with an expanded biography.

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he would) but praises me for my thoughtful care
I will give you his own words — dear Frank — Papa
he says "it gives me infinite pleasure that you have
thoughts of other matters connected with her wants (he has
been telling me what he had to do and you by Mr. P.) & there is
nothing more gratifying to me than to see between all of you
these affectionate attentions to each other's comfort & happiness —
which you desire to do for your sister certainly do — He wanted
no contribution with me he had a case & I thought having decided
that I thought of it — & then he just as to say "Money exhibits
its real value when expended for the adornments of life, & it is the
affection in bonds of love by reciprocal kind offices — & he
then the object of the thought of giving him as one who is not at all
sage — I would have given you a thousand dollars if that was
my ability, for the purpose of contributing to the wants of
and ministering to the proper enjoyment of those who from ties of
kindred or friendship have claims upon us — then to spend
the dollar on a new dress — the dear Papa —
But after all he is satisfied with me & I do not
do all — He says he will send you some pocket money
& I must send what I can just as it will be more grati-
fying than if he sent you money to purchase the
articles yourself. But his gift is all the \$100
you have & more if you want it — If you see I
shall yet be your father — you have is certainly
my wish that it will not last the half the \$100 — I thought
I have got more out of a little extra fund — I've not yet
touched the principal — so I'll get the paper (comparing
was clear) or when I learn what Papa has sent — if
I do not think you sufficiently well supplied I can
add any more — You see I did not tell Papa
that I meant to send you some money —
It was all of his own will — his thoughtful &
considerate heart — and you hope to talk

of scruples & "conscience" to me - You are all to be
ashamed - you quite worthy me - I shall tell you that
that Rowland had some long & hard talks about the
which I know Peter Major would not have old time
it was what's mine & mine & mine & mine & mine & mine
to not to me you're (the) since the paper with the paper
you see! but I am not the "the" money & the
I like the time & trouble & mine & I suppose I know
is my very greatest source of enjoyment & I know
is no more of the in the world - me
By the way I have been much with Peter Major in a letter
let me say of your writing to him & I have been
hard for you & I have been hard for you & I have been
he would be his & the other says he is a trifler & a
without & the property of conduct - I do not
know him - He has made it his job - he says
he has done - I have been hard for you & I have been
of the things which it would be hard for you & I have been
because of momentary of me who had not in my heart
I have not been to all you that I have not been
of the death of young Mrs. Mary May - the beautiful
believe me that was - when I was in the door & I was in the door
I was in the door & I was in the door & I was in the door
The most beautiful woman I ever saw - each to be
of the things which it would be hard for you & I have been
to have been - I have been hard for you & I have been
I have been - I have been hard for you & I have been
that I have been - I have been hard for you & I have been
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Symptoms of that jealous temper which drove him at
one time even to madness & induced her to that desperate
step from the world - never appearing in public again at church
giving up even her female friends except her own & her female
to it not dreadful - & she has since from the world retired & devoted
to all who know her & induce all who know her but through report
& leaves several young children - motherly! - 27! And
what must be felt! I can but pity her.

Col. J. G. Burdick
In Mrs Burdick
at Wood-
Machopam

To accept of your original theme - after all your amendments you
hit them - then 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

MASON, CATHARINE
To Emily Mason
1840 March 1
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To Emily, from her sister Catharine (Kate). She writes of illnesses, the weather, clothing and a complicated story of a misunderstanding and hurt feelings.

Catharine Armstead Mason was born in Lexington, KY. Her parents were John Thomson and Eliza (Moir) Baker. She was a student at TFS from 1832 - 1837. Her sisters Emily Virginia Mason and Laura Ann Thomson Mason also attended TFS. She married Isaac L. Rowland and bore four children. She died in 1884. Emma Willard and Her Pupils contains a more complete biography.

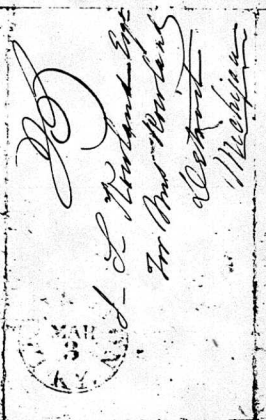
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no one would ever know the home made -
I will write you all about the wedding &c - they are
very urgent we should go & see the ceremony - or at least
see the bride when draped - but I do not go because we think
she has a splendid wardrobe - sent to Phila for every thing
she did the thing perfectly in sending for drapes like her own for
her bridesmaid (unmarried couple) breathe & so do

Ms/Marm (J.T.)

1840

Man. p.



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I have much yet to say - some from Papa but as this
letter cannot possibly hold all I think I will release much for
Papa's letter which I will write to you now - Have you heard
that Mrs. Marm is the old! the family pet of our grand and
that you have heard so much about - Papa sent me
the discreetness & seemed very sad about it making many
other reflections upon the uncertainties of human plans &c -
Papa is much, but I will tell you more tomorrow of it
Papa also sent me the beginning of Brother T. & Sister
of which you only sent the end - I will tell you what I think of it

MASON, EMILY-B.
From Elizabeth Chew
1841 February 15?
ALS

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Libby chastises Emily for not writing and calls her indifferent. Begs for a letter. Emma Willard is visiting a friend in Hartford and asks particularly about "dear Emily Mason." Emma Willard is preparing a poem for publication. Mentions the "Mayor come to see us" and inquired about Emily's sister Laura. More scolding for not writing.

Biography - Emily was the daughter of General John Ann Thomson Mason Thomson and Eliza Baker (Moir) Mason. She was born in Lexington, KY. She spent the year from 1832 to 1834 at TFS. Her sisters Catharine Armstead Mason, and Laura also attended TFS. Emily's picture appears in Emma Willard and Her Pupils along with an expanded biography.

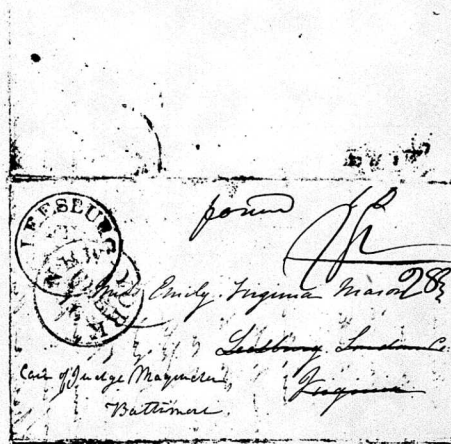
Elizabeth Chew was the daughter of Thomas John Chew, Purser United States Navy, and Abby Hortense (Hallam) Chew. She was born in Brooklyn, NY and was a pupil at the Troy Seminary from 1836 - 1838.

Brooklyn. Monday Evening July 21st

My dear Emily,

You are more wrongful in your disposition than I ever thought you - if you are really deliberately punishing my similar faults by this long silence. Have you forgotten me? - Or do you find, answering my dull letters an irksome task which you gladly jettison from day to day? I should be most unhappy - if I could for a moment believe either of these - possible causes. and yet I cannot but wonder at the true cause of your indifference. So, if you love me, write me soon. I am so anxious to hear from you - that you need trouble yourself to find apologies - if you will only let me have a letter soon. I have rec'd. a long and affectionate letter, within a few days past from our old friend Lett. Emma M. written from Hartford where she is visiting her friend W. Davis. She makes particular enquiries about "Dear Emily Mason" & says she already owes you answers for two letters, but that now she is at leisure, & would like to write she is quite at a loss where to address you. I shall write to her very soon, and give her your address. Would you believe it, Emma, she is now having a poem for publication! Her most energetic efforts, for every body will laugh at

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I cannot bear to hear her
ridiculed - She thinks Mr. Schu. is a perfect
"Washington of a woman." By the way, I have just
read, Knight's, Essay on the Character of Washington
a very talented little book one that would interest
you well for an hour or two. I can hardly imagine
what you are doing. Surely your French issues are
not so engrossing as to cause you to neglect your
correspondence. I have half an idea that you
may have gone to Washington - if so - I give you
all - on condition of your giving me a full, detailed
account of the whole affair - not curtailing
any of its points. You may then your start,
that you are not in this latitude, just now, for
we are cold & busy enough to shut a September.
I walked up to Seventh Street today, to see a
friend, & left a small portion of my nose on the
door steps as I waited the servants' appearance -
It was so cold, I blew it off. I looked wistfully
up at Mr. Jackson & sighed as I thought of
the little visitations I had made here with you.
New York seems to have been as gay & lively
as dull as possible this season. I have been as
quiet as a dormouse, only peeping out from
my shell now & then to breathe a little fresh air.
& then draw back again. Hattie & I were at
such a nice "fight", last week - at our opposite
neighbors the Fort and the elegant "Ben" was at



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THOMSON, ELLEN J.

Emma Willard School Archives

To Mary
1841 May 30
ALS

Ellen wrote this letter to her friend, Mary. Mary lived in Ellen's hometown, Granville, NY. Ellen lists her courses: drawing, geometry, botany, optics, and hydrostatics. A composition was required every week and a 7 fault mark penalty was given those who did not write one. The student population (day students and boarders) was over 200. There were 12 female teachers and 4 male teachers with Mrs. Willard as principal. Ellen speaks of a former student who is teaching in North Carolina. The recent death of a student, Jane C. Place, is the first death at TFS since it began. Ellen also mentions that Mrs. Willard is preparing a new edition of her American History.

Ellen Thomson (also spelled Thompson) attended TFS from 1841-1843. After her graduation, she was a governess to the George Walker family of Benton, Ala. She later taught for two years in a Southern academy. Upon her return in 1847 to Troy, she taught for seven years at TFS. In 1854, she married Edward Silvester Rowley of Richmond, Mass. She lived here until 1874 when she moved to Pittsfield, Mass. Sometime after her husband's death in 1886, she went to live with relatives in Granville, NY.

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Sund. morn. Dec. 11th. 1841

Dear Mary

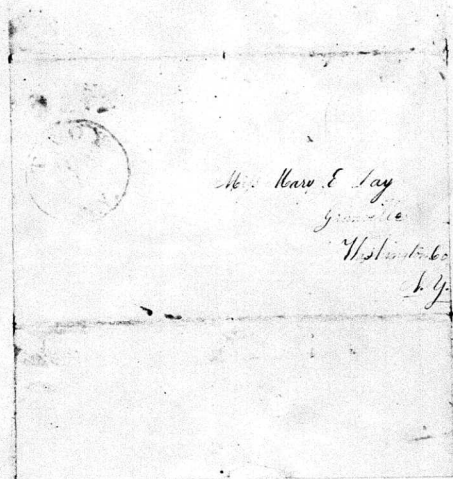
It is Sabbath evening and the church bell has rung and I recollect the agreement I made with you and will spend a short time this evening and fulfil my promise. I suppose that you begin to think the time of bereavement, which was united as we were, with that time and distance combined with the former I am sometimes have rendered me forgetful of you. But if you are so I trust I shall never forget one with whom I have so many happy hours, and whose society always is a blessed influence. I presume you will like to hear something about the school-off. There are twelve female teachers besides the Principal and four male teachers. There are two hundred or more pupils. Teachers are employed. I am very much pleased indeed with the school, and all the advantages for acquiring knowledge. There are good facilities in the school in the United States. Now the fund is one of the best places I think I ever met with. I like all of the teachers very much. I have taken music in the piano - I like it much - I take Drawing, Geometry, Botany and Optics and Hygiene (a part of English Literature). I have not commenced my Latin course. I have to write composition every week; every young lady is required to do that or receive a penalty of seven faults each. I wish you were here. I think you like to come here and take music. Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Andrews and the music teachers are splendid performers. Mrs. Lincoln took music on the guitar, organ and piano. When I first came here I danced with a young lady in the fourth hall. Her name was Caroline Taylor. She was a native of New Hampshire. We had been here two

years - a very interesting young lady. She has gone to North
Carolina to teach in a family. She has a salary of four hundred dollars
a year - at noon with a young lady from the Southern part of this
State. Her name is Susan Cole - a very amiable young lady. There
are young ladies in this school from almost every State in the Union.
There have been young ladies here from Canada. Dr. H. Amey, from
Scotland & Emily Tramm. Mrs. Emma Thibault is here now.
She is preparing a new edition of her American History. She will
remain here a part of the summer. She gave the young ladies and
teachers a party a few weeks since. I was not able to go from
the city. Miss Emma was very agreeable and the evening passed
off very pleasantly. These weeks have now morning after. George
Place and the people died. She was in great trouble. Sabbath day
morning, Sabbath evening. She was very cheerful and appeared in fine spirits
and retired to rest as usual. Her room was about four o'clock in the
morning to find her dying and before any physicians could reach her
because her spirit had taken its flight. Five physicians were called in
immediately but it was too late. The vital spark was extinct. She was a
native of Thompsonville. A gentleman from that village being in Troy at the
time took her remains home. Several services were attended at the examina-
tion hall of the Seminary by Dr. Benjamin whose church she was a member
of a very solemn and impressive kind. On the following Sabbath the teachers
and scholars all attended Dr. Benjamin's Church. He preached a sermon on
the occasion. Miss Place was a very amiable and pious girl and a very
fine scholar. She played on the guitar and piano and sang beau-
tifully. She was engaged to a young man in her native village. He
has written a letter to Mrs. Thibault since her death which I have
seen. This is the first death that ever occurred in this school which
has had a growth of twenty eight years among the students.

thousands of young ladies who have been members of the school.
Miss Lane had an organic affection of the lungs and was shot in
the lungs her death that when she died she reported her suc-
cessfully. Last Monday evening wrote to a young lady who has
been a regular attendant for more than four years and in Mechanics
ville. She only left the seminary the Thursday before. She was a
young lady of brilliant talents and great genius. I was expected a
memoir of her life with her poems will shortly be published.
Miss Franks Edgerton whom I presume you recollect is married. Mr.
Willard had a letter from her husband the other day. Miss Willard
also I presume you also recollect she was my roommate in Cambridge in
Miss Chapman's teaching I heard from her the other day. Miss Willard
wrote her to you. Father & Dr. Gibbs think it is of the Episcopal
order this term. Mrs. Willard attends the same church. It is getting
late and I must hasten to close. I wish you greatly my love. I
could tell you something which I find it impossible to delineate
in paper. I wish you to make up your mind to come here next term.
I wish you to write immediately on the receipt of this and tell me
what you are doing this summer how you enjoy yourself and what
is going on in South Gransville. In short all the news every-
thing you think will interest me. Please to excuse all mistakes
for I write in the greatest possible haste expecting every moment to
hear the bell. Give my respects to any who may inquire for
about me. Please accept of my best wishes for your happiness
while I subscribe myself your affectionate friend.

Ellen Jane Thompson

P.S. Please to write immediately



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Troy Female Seminary May 30th 1841

Dear Mary

It is Sabbath evening and the church bell has rung but I recollect the engagement I made with you and will spend a short time this evening and fulfil my promise. I suppose that you begin to think the ties of friendship which once united us are dissolved that time and distance combined with the formation and new acquaintance have rendered me forgetful of you, but I assure you it is not so. I trust I shall never forget one with whom I have shared so many happy hours, and whose society always afforded me pleasure. I presume you will like to hear something about the school, myself(?). There are twelve female teachers besides the principal and four male teachers. There are two hundred or more pupils, boarders and day scholars, I am very much pleased indeed with the school and think the advantages for acquiring knowledge here are as good perhaps as in any school in the United States. Mrs. Willard is one of the best persons I think I ever met with. I like all of the teachers very much I have taken music on the piano, I like it much, I take drawing, geometry, botany and Optics and Hydrostatics (a part of Enfield's Philosophy) I have just commenced my herbarium. I have to write a composition every week. Every young lady is required to do that or receive a penalty of seven fault marks! I wish you were here, I think you would like to come here and take music. Miss Lincoln and Mr. Andrews two of the music teachers are splendid performers. Miss Lincoln teaches Music on the guitar, harp and piano. When I first came here I roomed with a young lady in the fourth hall. Her name was Caroline Taylor. She was a native of New Hampshire she had been here two years a very interesting young lady. She has gone to North Carolina to teach in a family. She has a salary of four hundred dollars a year. I now room with a young lady from the Southern part of this state. Her name is Susan Cole. A very admirable young lady. There are young ladies in this school from almost every state in the union. There have been young ladies here from Canada. South America, from Scotland, Germany & France. Mrs. Emma Willard is here now she is preparing a new edition of her American History. She will remain here a part of the summer. She gave the young ladies and teachers, a party a few weeks since. There were also some from the city Mrs. Emma was very agreeable and the evening passed off very pleasantly. Three weeks tomorrow morning Miss Jane C. Place one of the pupils died. She was in usual health Sabbath day, was monitress Sabbath evening. She was very cheerful and appeared in fine spirits and retired to rest

as usual. Her roommate awoke about four o'clock in the morning to find her dying and before any assistance could reach her bedside, her spirit had taken its flight. Two physicians were called immediately but it was too late. The vital spark was extinct. She was a native of Keesville. A gentleman from that village being in Troy at the time took her remains home. Funeral services were attended at the examination hall of the seminary by Dr. Beman (of whose church she was a member) of a very solemn and impressive kind. On the following Sabbath the teacher and scholars all attended Dr. Beman's church. He preached a sermon on the occasion Miss Place was a very amiable and pious girl and a very fine scholar. She played on the guitar and piano and sang beautifully. She was engaged to a young man in her native village he has written a letter to Mrs. Willard since her death which I have seen. This is the first death that ever occurred in this school which has had a growth of twenty eight years among the several thousands of young ladies who have been members of the school. Miss Place had an organic affection of the heart and remarked the day before her death that when she died she expected to die suddenly. Last Monday evening Miss Lay a young lady who had been a member of this school for more than two years died in Mechanicsville. She only left the seminary the Thursday before. She was a young lady of brilliant talents and great genius. I expected a memoir of her life with her poems will shortly be published. Miss Frances Edgerton whom I presume you recollect is married. Mr. Willard had a letter from her husband the other day. Miss S. MacKellogg whom I presume you also recollect she was my roommate in Poultney is in North Carolina teaching. I heard from her the other day. Miss Hurlb. sends love to you. I attend St. John's Church it is of the Episcopal order this term. Mrs. Willard attends the same church. It is getting late and I must hasten to close. I wish you were by my side I could tell you many things which I find it impossible to delineate on paper. I wish you to make up your mind to come here next term. I wish you to write immediately on the reception of this and tell me what you are doing this summer how you enjoy yourself and what is going on in south Granville - In short all the news every thing you think will interest me. Please to excuse all mistakes for I write in the greatest possible haste expecting every moment to hear the bed bell. Give my respects to any who may inquire about me. Please accept of my best wishes for your happiness while I subscribe myself your affectionate friend

Ellen Jane Thomson

P.S. Please to write immediately.

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THOMSON, ELLEN J.
To Mary
1841 November 28
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Ellen wrote this letter to her friend, Mary. Mary lived in Ellen's hometown, Granville, NY. Ellen again reviews her classes at TFS. She is taking music lessons from Mrs. Willard's niece, Jane Lincoln. Mrs. Willard holds Bible class Sunday afternoons after church. Details of a Jewish history class conducted by Mrs. Willard are also given. The school now has 60 boarders and parties are held to which Mrs. Willard invites members of the community.

Ellen Thomson (also spelled Thompson) attended TFS from 1841-1843. After her graduation, she was a governess to the George Walker family of Benton, Ala. She later taught for two years in a Southern academy. Upon her return in 1847 to Troy, she taught for seven years at TFS. In 1854, she married Edward Silvester Rowley of Richmond, Mass. She lived here until 1874 when she moved to Pittsfield, Mass. Sometime after her husband's death in 1886, she went to live with relatives in Granville, NY.

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Troy, Tenn. Jan. 25th 1891.

Ever Esteemed Friend & Son,

According to promise I gladly
address a few lines to one whom I am proud to call friend. You know
I am not disposed to flatter, and will not doubt my sincerity when
I say I have ever thought of you as a friend with pleasure. I shall
have written you before, but I have been so very busy;
my time has been so fully occupied since my return to Troy
that I have had very little leisure to correspond with my friends
by way letter. But I shall make no apology. I do not like
them unless I know you are not fond of them; and there fore I shall
passed to inform you sometimes of what I have been about, & what
has occupied since last we met. You will recollect to resume the
last time we saw each other. I visited at your father's and you accom-
panied me a short distance on my way home. I then expected to have
seen you again before I left Knoxville. I left home the next Monday
morning and arrived in Troy the same evening. The term commenced on
Wednesday. The first three days were spent by the whole school in
revising grammar while others turned around the shops. I am
employed in Mining, Farming, Lumber, Station, Locomotive and Christian
Mechanics. I suppose you find enough to do. I am much pleased
with all my studies. Mathematics gives my mind repose. I also
have a shop in Shreveport Gap of which I am a member. I am
reading Roman history in Latin. I like Latin very much.

I learn Italian much easier than I did French. Mechanics
is my only mathematical study this term. Christian's school-mates
have never before been in this school before the present term;
they have always made use of English. The class is composed of
three young ladies, Miss Alice Chase Miss Brown and my self.
I attend lectures on Chemistry, Philosophy and Geology.
Miss Abell is my roommate, she is a very agreeable scholar.
The boys behave very well indeed. There are sixty boarders.
The school is very large. Mrs. Howard has given two large parlors
this term at the first one there were one hundred and eighty
from the city; at the last four hundred four parlors and the
examination room were thrown open for the reception of the guests.
They were got up in a style of great magnificence and splendor.
Miss Hubbard sends her love to you and says she wishes you
were here. I attend St. Remond Church; he is preaching a course of
lectures to young people every Sabbath morning. They are very in-
teresting. He also lectures Wednesday evenings in the hall of
lectures. He has taken up the seven seals, the seven trumpets
and now is lecturing on the seven vials. I have attended some
of them, and found them exceedingly interesting.
Mrs. Willard has a Bible class Sabbath afternoon immediately
after church. we spend about two hours then we have tea and
then those who show attend church in the evening. We have
taken up Jewish history this term commencing with the
call Abraham. Mrs. Willard lectures on the subject and the
young ladies have to give an account of geography of the country
of Canaan as the climate - productions - the names and situation
of the places mentioned in the Bible and also to write
summarizing histories of the Patriarch Abraham Isaac and Jacob
Joseph. I have written the life of Joseph for to day's lesson.

We have to write the histories then commit them to memory and then recite them to the class. This evening some have seen the last Baptist Church on Third Street to be sold after the Boston Elder Jackson should a couple Mr. C. Root to Miss Mary Kim. So they are marrying and going in marriage as in the days before the flood. How is it in Greenville? for instance Mr. Henry Day does she think of taking vows of matrimony upon herself? Please write after you receive my epistle and give me all the news. Do you hang out school this winter? Who preaches? Do you spend the winter at home engaged in domestic affairs? Believe me you are a fortunate young lady! The lines have fallen to you in pleasant places in the bosom of home - in the domestic circle surrounded by friends - ~~who~~ who do all they can to promote your happiness and enjoyment - while you do the same reciprocally you are acting in woman's own sphere. I shall have a vacation during the Christmas holidays - the sun will have half expired on Wednesday. The weather is quite cold now - though the fall has been very mild - there is quite a little depth of snow now. But I must hasten to close. Please write as soon as you receive this line - a letter from you will afford me great pleasure. I shall ever consider you a valuable correspondent. When you write give all particular news - every thing you will interest me - do not you know I shall always take an interest in what happens in Greenville - a place in which I drew my first breath - and where every tree & mountain - every object on which I cast my eyes is imprinted in my mind with a thousand associations. Good night my darling and may your path through life be strewn with roses, in the path of your sincere friend Ellen Jane Thornton.



Mrs Mary C. Day
Granville
Washington Co.
N.Y.

Troy Female Sem. Nov. 28th 1841

Ever Esteemed Friend Mary

According to promise I gladly address a few lines to one whom I am proud to call friend. You know I am not disposed to flatter, and will not doubt my sincerity when I say I have ever thought of you as a friend with pleasure. I should have written you before, but I have been so very busy, my time has been so full occupied since my return to Troy that I have had very little leisure to correspond with my friends by way letter. But I shall make no apologies, I do not like them, and I know you are not fond of them and therefore I shall proceed to inform you something of what I have been about, and what has transpired since last we met. You will recollect I presume the last time we saw each other. I visited at your Father's and you accompanied me a short distance on my way home. I then expected to have seen you again before I left Granville. I left home the next morning and arrived in Troy the same evening. The term commenced the Wednesday. The first three days were spent by the whole school in reviewing grammar while Mrs. Willard arranged the classes. I am classed in music, painting, Latin, Italian, chemistry, and Olmsted's Mechanics. I assure you I find enough to do. I am much pleased with all my studies. Miss Lincoln gives my music lessons. She also has a class in Thourough Baqs of which I am a member. I am reading Roman history in Latin. I like Latin very much. I learn Italian much easier than I did French. Mechanics is my only mathematical study this term. Olmsted's mechanics have never been used in this school before the present term. They have always made use of Enfield's. The class is composed of three young ladies Miss McClure, Miss Newcomb, and myself. I attend lectures on chemistry, philosophy and geology. Miss McClure is my roommate. She is a very superior scholar. We enjoy ourselves very well indeed. There are sixty boarders. The school is very large. Mrs. Willard has given two large parties this term at the first one there were one hundred and eighty from the city, at the last four hundred, four parlors and the examination room were thrown open for the reception of the guests. They were got up in a style of great magnificence and splendour. Miss Hurlburt sends her love to you and says she wishes you were here. I attend Dr. Beman's church, he is preaching a course of lectures to young people every Sabbath morning they are very interesting. He also lectures Wednesday evenings on the book of Revelations, he has taken up the seven seals, the seven trumpets, and now is lecturing on

the seven vials. I have attended some of them, and found them exceedingly interesting. Mrs. Willard has a bible class Sabbath afternoons immediately after church. We spend about two hours then we have tea and then those who choose attend church in the evening. We have taken up Jewish history this term. commencing with the call Abraham. Mrs. Willard lectures on the subject and the young ladies have to give an account of geography of the country of Canaan as the climate - productions - the names and situation of the places mentioned in the bible and also to write summary histories of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joseph I have written the life of Joseph, for to days lesson we have to write the histories then commit them to memory and then recite them to the class. This evening since tea, I have been the first Baptist Church in Third Street to a lecture after the lecture. Elder Cookson married a couple Mr. C. Root to Miss Mary Shaw, so they are marrying and giving in marriage as in the days before the flood. How is it in Granville? for instance Mary Day does she think of taking vows of matrimony upon herself? Please write after you receive my epistle and give me all the news. Do you have singing school this winter? Who preaches? Do you spend the winter at home engaged in domestic affairs? Believe me you are a fortunate young lady the lines have fallen to you in pleasant pleasant places, in the bosom of home-in the domestic circle surrounded by friends, who do all they can to promote your happiness and enjoyment, while you do the same reciprocally you are acting in woman's own sphere. We shall have a vacation during the Christmas holidays the term will have expired on Wednesday. The weather is quite cold now, though the fall has been very mild there is quite a little depth of snow now. But I must hasten to a close please write as soon as you receive this line, a letter from you will afford me great pleasure. I shall ever consider you a valuable correspondent. When you write give all particular news, everything you will interest me And you know I shall always take an interest in what happens in Granville-a place in which I drew my first breath, and where every tree top or mountain, every object on which I cast my eyes is connected in my mind with a thousand associations. Good night my dear girl and may your path through life be strewn with roses, is the wish of your sincere friend

Emma Jane Thomson

FRELIGH, MARGARET ANN
To Freligh, Margaret
1842 May 25
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Very poignant letter to her mother about how Margaret misses her family. This letter includes specifics about daily life at TFS, including anecdotes about Emma Willard. Margaret tells about TFS routines and the kindness of Mrs. Willard towards the girls.

Biography - Margaret was a native of Plattsburg, NY. She attended TFS from 1842 to 1843. At one time, Margaret was the Assistant Principal of the Plattsburg Academy. She married the Hon. Moss Kent Platt of Plattsburg in 1858.

Mary has taken tea with me - she is so kind & pretty
 children are eight years - she does give advice in hand

My dear Mother
 I have just
 had the
 day as well
 as you - I
 shall
 be -
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 May 28th -
 Mary & family

I have just an opportunity of writing a long letter
 from me now, and I wish to relieve your anxiety
 immediately, but I can not give you so particular
 an account of my situation, prospects and engagements
 as I had hoped to be able, by this time. This
 much I can say, that I have already learned, that I
 shall be obliged to make most diligent use of every
 moment, in order to succeed in what I have taken up
 on me; and this not to think, because of difficulties
 in the way of study (for you know I have nothing new
 in that way), but of so many general occupations, in
 which for the sake of system and order, all the young la-
 dies must engage. And of these I do not complain for I
 must of necessity, be so. In many respects, I like the
 institution much better than I expected, I think the
 management of it most admirable, and with Mrs. Willson
 I am more and more charmed every day. She is a lovely
 woman, treats the pupils with great kindness, and seems to
 care for their welfare in every respect. She has been often
 of polite and kind to me. The rules are very strict,
 and I cannot conceive, how any young lady here, gets an
 opportunity to transgress the bounds of decorum. Our
 table is good, quite good enough, I think; food is well
 cooked and we have plenty. And tell me, we have most
 excellent tea - we Waterbury girls sit at Mrs. Willson's
 and we have proper music & exercise, and a blessing who
 at table with us. We are Mrs. Willson - but dear Mother
 I very much doubt whether I can stay away from home
 by long months - It seems as if I had been here ever since,

For Mrs. Norton do not know me about your health. I am sure I shall meet you some day. I am sure I shall meet you some day.

To write me very soon and very particularly about your health. I am happy, how the family are, how the children get along. I hope they will not quite forget Aunt, and dear dear little Sarah, does she love every body with all her heart? Oh how I do want to kiss her: but dear mother, which I confess I can have had no not suppose I regret having come, for I do not even, should I not stay more than six weeks.

Mrs W. says I must go with to teach on account of my health, but indeed indeed! I think I never should have courage, unless plain duty, or absolute necessity required it.

I shall attend Dr. Brown's church, and every thing will be very fine, but how I should love to get into the old white church at home on Sunday.

Remember me very affectionately to Mrs. Morgan & family. - Our good friends family, I may call them. (Who is their teacher?) all the family at home, and every body who enquires for me. - So Uncle Parker also, tell her Marion gets along nicely, and is a good girl - and for Mrs. Snowbridge, Hannah's sets well.

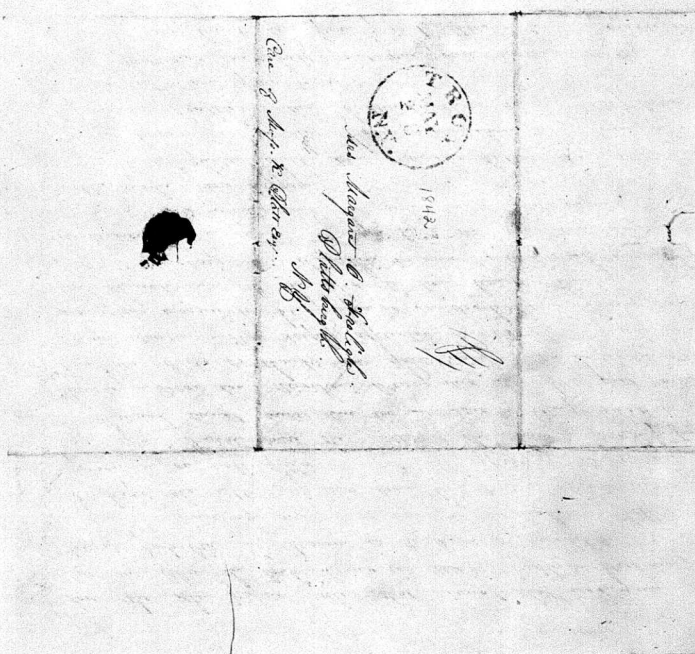
I think it almost certain that I shall not be able to write to Mrs. Morgan & Mrs. Reed as I partly promised, but I should receive a line from them as a great favour. Mrs. Cunningham's gone home & she to too.

I passed two or three days, you know, at Uncle Michael's. And was kindly received, & invited to visit them often.

If I had some old compositions, with me I could be convenient, as I am to pass for time - perhaps you can send them, they are among these papers in the drawer, mostly in a book covered with brown paper. - No not

Give all the above children a copy for the year of Margaret & - the 1st of each
 year the other papers also that annual that was given
 me in Ohio, the book bound in Red Walker's Dictionary,
 too if possible. - Maria is to have a trunk sent.
 Give my very best love to Hannah. - Tell E -
 I hope she will keep me true but I am afraid not any
 place is so well fitted. - I shall expect E - to write
 me often, I am sure she will if she has any company.
 Hannah must write me too - Love to Miss Anne.
 Thursday - Dear dear Mother Mary and Mr H - just called
 here, and I do so thank for your note - So write me often
 as you can. - How deeply afflicted Ben Balch is, surely we
 are often warned to be prepared for death this spring, in
 our Church. - I am glad to hear house cleaning is done
 but Mary says E - had the nervous headache - I hope
 is better. - If you have not sent the dress I
 spoke of, you need not. I can do without them, but
 will make more baggage.
 I am quite well now, much better than when I
 left home. - Mrs W - says all the young ladies im-
 prove in health - and I think they might, they have
 every attention paid to it.
 We rise at half past five, and retire at ten -
 our study hours are from 9 to 1 then 2 to 3 - walk at
 six, study from 7 - 9 and -
 Miss Standish is in New York - so you see I shall
 not be likely to see Mrs Merritt. -
 We may visit a shop, one afternoon in a week
 only. - I do not like any Latin teacher and am
 almost disposed to give it up -
 Love to all again in home, sweetest that home. - Hannah
 must write me about the flowers - Most affectionately
 Margaret

Mr. Cule has just called and is quite well.



Troy Female Seminary May 25th 1842

My Dear Mother

I know you are expecting a long letter from me now, and I wish to relieve your anxiety immediately but I can not give you so particular an account of my situation, prospects, and engagements as I had hoped to be able by this time this much I can say, that I have already learned, that I shall be obliged to make most diligent use of every moment, in order to succeed in what I have taken upon me, and this not so much, because of difficulties the way of study (for you know I have nothing, new in that way) but of so many general occupations, in which for the sake of system and order, all the young ladies must engage in and of these I do not complain for it must of necessity be so. In many respects, I like the institution much better than I expected, I think the arrangement of it most admirable, and with Mrs. Willard I am more and more charmed every day, she is a lovely woman treats the pupils with great kindness and seems to care for their welfare in every respect. She has been extremely polite and kind to me. The rules are very strict and I cannot conceive, how any young lady here, gets an opportunity to transgress the bounds of decorum. -- Our table is good, quite good enough I think food is well cooked and we have plenty, and tell Lib we have most excellent tea. We Plattsburgh girls sit at Mrs. Willard's end: -- we have prayers morn & eve, and a blessing said at table either by Mr. or Mrs. W but dear mother I very much doubt whether I can stay away from home, six long months. It seems as if I had been here one already.

Do write me very soon and very particularly about your health, if you are happy, how the family are, how the children get along I hope they will not quite forget Auntie, and dear dear little Sarah, does she love every body with all her heart yet? Oh how do I want to kiss her, but dear mother while I confess, I am homesick do not suppose I regret having, come, for I do not even, should I not stay more than six weeks.

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inquires for me. To Sarah Parker also, tell her Marion get along nicely and is a good girl and for Mrs. Trowbridge, Hannah does well.

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If I had some old compositions, with me it could be convenient, as I am so pressed for time -- perhaps you can send them, they are among these papers in the drawer, mostly in a book covered with brown paper -- do not lose the other papers also that annual that was given to me in Ohio, the book's bound in red "Walker's Dictionary" too if possible. Marion is to have a trunk sent.

Give my very best love to _____ tell E- I hope she will miss me some but I am afraid not that my place is so well filled. I shall expect E- to write to me often, I am sure she will if she has any compassion.

Hannah must write me too. Love to Miss Ames.

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Love to all again in "home, sweet sweet home." Hannah must write me about the flowers.

Most affectionately

Margaret

Give all the dear children a kiss for me Margaret E- too I wish she had known me better.

Now dear mother, do not deceive me about your health. Direct to the Seminary.
care of W-

Mary has taken tea with me - Mrs. W- has 4 pretty children under eight years. The eldest quite
advanced in French. If you can send the dresses as well you may I shall paint in oil.

Mrs. Has just called, and is quite well.

METCALFE, SARAH WILLIAMS BAKER
To Susan Evelina Baker Conner
1842 September 17
typescript

Emma Willard School Archives

Unavailable for filming

Describes Emma Willard and the Troy Female Seminary.

SULLIVAN, CATHERINE E.
To Margaret Ann Freligh
1843 January

Emma Willard School Archives

Catherine wrote this lengthy letter to her friend, Margaret Ann Freligh, a former TFS student. This letter is written in two colors of ink, the second crossing the first. Catherine tells Margaret about mutual friends at TFS and the social activities of the girls. Mention is made of Mrs. Willard enquiring after Margaret and wishing her to return. During the winter, the girls were treated to sleigh rides with Mrs. Willard. Catherine also writes of attending lectures on "animal magnetism" and "Millerism", which are popular.

Catherine E. Sullivan of Plattsburgh, NY attended TFS from 1842 through 1844. She was the daughter of Timothy and Mirsen (Corbin) Sullivan of Beekmantown, NY. In 1845, she married Lucius T. Felt, of Galena, IL. Their daughter's married names were: Susan Sullivan Barber of Chicago and Marion Sullivan Hallett of Denver, CO. Catherine died in 1889 at Pass Christian, MI.

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at request of mother and sister to be sent a wonderful long letter to you and your family. The letter is
 quite enough well so as to be read by you and your family. The letter is quite enough well so as to be read by you and your family. The letter is quite enough well so as to be read by you and your family.

Margaret A. Wright
 Elizabeth Wright

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COLLINS, HENRIETTA
To Finette Armstrong
1843 January 9
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Henrietta Collins, who had recently been a student at Troy Female Seminary, writes to Finette Armstrong who was then still a student. She inquires after her friends and teachers and mentions their kindness during her illness while at Troy. She writes of her active social life since leaving the Seminary.

Highville, 6th Nov. 1843.

Now I come my dear Friend, not with
a 'pocket full of rocks' but many bright and
ardent wishes for your prosperity and happiness
for another period of King's time reign. - I can
sincerely realize that going '43 is really with us.

My new year reflections often advert to my
sick and weary hours at the old Seminary. - When
I was such a brother of care to my dear 'memories';
and many of the teachers and students, and the
I can never be able to repay them in a like
manner the debt of gratitude, yet my most
sincere thanks and best wishes shall ever
attend. Mrs. Little, Newman, Miss Stone, Phelps, Litch,
Thomas, Chickering, Bay, and many others. - Little
did I then imagine that '43 should find me
an inhabitant upon this sphere and in the
position of pleasure which I now occupy.

I should have written to you the first of
January but I was about ~~from~~ home nearly
a week over. Write to Mrs. Levens my sisters.

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My Friend Armstrong
Tomb, Linn
Aug. 1892.

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Joseph B. - NY - 1892

MASON, EMILY B.
To John T. Mason
1843? June 30
ALS

Courtesy of the Burton Historical Collection
Detroit Public Library

June 30, 1843 is to Emily's father about 10 years after her having left TFS. She is anxious to welcome him home and sends family news. She reports on a letter from Emma Willard who has "succeeded in obtaining her divorce & she seemed quite happy & quite like her own old self." Emma Willard has asked them to join her in Troy for the August vacation.

Biography - Emily was the daughter of General John Ann Thomson Mason Thomson and Eliza Baker (Moir) Mason. She was born in Lexington, KY. She spent the year from 1832 to 1834 at TFS. Her sisters Catharine Armstead Mason, and Laura also attended TFS. Emily's picture appears in Emma Willard and Her Pupils along with an expanded biography.

Leicester June 30 -

My dearest Father

As you know that it has been a whole month to day since we have heard any thing from you - but lately we have derived comfort from this fact feeling however that a universal & a circumstance must portend something & our hopes were fully realized when this morning there came a letter from Cousin Robert saying that he should leave Mad.ington soon after the 1st of July & that you had arranged to come on with him - This news almost too joyful to be true & I hardly have credit it till we receive confirmation of it from your own lips - How anxiously we look for the next letter you may well imagine - I wish to tell you in how much interest the letter came up & we sprang up with as much alacrity as if you were already at the threshold - The whole house had been in joy & commotion all day - If a man in view of your approbation can thus affect us what will the reality be? - And who do you think we have with us waiting to see you almost as anxiously as ourselves? - Madeline & Malon! He arrived last Saturday here but has been in the house but a few days - looking at him I feel he has some thought of settling in this land or somewhere else, I say fear, for I cannot bear the idea of his leaving his home & his mother & his family - Indeed he seems perfectly with the notion which all these people here who see their wonderful West for the first time that money can be made just by trying for it & fortune come almost without asking for - I should be sorry

to his hands added to the list of disappointed ones - who
with heart to you - & hope you are to be met with
here every day - lighting for the same they do lightly left
he are delighted with Melchor - he seems such a fine
frank - warm hearted man - a real Mason - a
kind & affectionate & attentive & real Virginia Cavalier
he is quite at home with us & promises to stay till he
is in the hope of seeing you - You will be struck
with the likeness he bears to the whole lot is yet so
fresh in our hearts that we cannot look at Melchor
without tears - Every body here observed its the very
people in the street know he is a Mason from the
resemblance - Cooper & father looking older & not
so handsome but the shape of the face the lower part
especially - & the air & manner is so very like him -
your father would acknowledge it - I wish he
could see her & you all - & he says if you were going
on soon he would go to N. York with us -
Kate had written to Aunt Catherine to come on to Cleve-
land & that Mr. R. will go down to meet her - we think
this is best for you know what a strange fellow Armistead
is, in many ways at Lexington & keep her creating all business
I have been very anxious to hear whether you have
not - the papers I sent you by Mr. Nicoll. Doubtless
he thought it a good opportunity as he is a resident
of N. York & was going himself on - he promised
to call & see you at the Harbinger or not finding you
to leave them at Mrs. Graydon's - you have every
assurance that they will reach you safe but
I should feel much better satisfied could I
hear from you that you have them -
I had another reason for writing to day - Young

Mr. Stuart is very sick & her sister Miss Benson of
Bosbury is very anxious to get on & see her. When I last
wrote that I had been looking in vain for an opportunity
& that Miss B. would be ready at any time at an hour
noticed - very soon if you do not come on I know. Mrs.
W. will be kind enough & gallant enough to bring on
the young lady - by sending a note through the Post Office
to John Stuart at the Navy Yard he will bring her on
to the Boat the day he leaves there & he will have no
trouble - I am particularly anxious to oblige Miss
Stuart - she is one of the kindest persons in the world
& had been so good to us this past winter - stopping us
in a storm and little things & showing us so much kindness
& attention - then she is sick - in a strange place away
from her mother & sister & could you only hear
her as I do long to see her & have just one of
her own family near her to wait on her & comfort her
you would feel all the sympathy for her that I do -
I know I need say no more - you & Cousin C. will be
her on for you then we are sure that you will
be with her - we count the days till the light
be said you would be here - between the eighth &
tenth of God send it may be so -
do you see how nervous I am - I can hardly
write the thought of seeing you makes my
hand shake like an old woman's -
I had last night the kindest letter from Mrs. Miller
you must have heard that she had succeeded in
obtaining her divorce & she seems quite happy
quite like her own old self - she writes to beg us
to come & spend the August vacation with her (for
she is at Long in her old place - wishes us to be

then for the examination of the 1st. I say to many
 loving & motherly things of all she will do for her
 comfort & happiness that I long to see her
 to be not good of her to think of & write her to often

Dr.
 Geo. W. T. Mearns
 Mary by Anne
 Providence
 R. I. N. York

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when he has so much to occupy his time
 all send love to the children say to day
 good for you coming next week
 may things be true prophet - prayd yours
 ever &c
 Emily V. Mearns

MASON, EMILY B.
To Catharine Mason Rowland
1843? October 31
ALS

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October 31, 1843 letter to Catharine, she reports on a long planned, but very short trip to visit Lib in Brooklyn. Saying "good-byes" to friends before leaving for Washington. Speaks of school that Julia Prentiss is at in Rahway, which Mrs. Phelps had been at. Writes of exchanging hair locks with Marion. She dislikes "turmoil and bustle" of New York.

Biography - Emily was the daughter of General John Ann Thomson Mason Thomson and Eliza Baker (Moir) Mason. She was born in Lexington, KY. She spent the year from 1832 to 1834 at TFS. Her sisters Catharine Armstead Mason, and Laura also attended TFS. Emily's picture appears in Emma Willard and Her Pupils along with an expanded biography.

New York Oct. 31.

My dearest Sister

I would not write from Brooklyn for I was so hurried & in such a hurry at being obliged to leave dear old home that I had time only to write nothing but complain & call upon your sympathy. Only think of having only four days there - the visit which we have been contemplating too long years. Ed was disappointed enough & well he might - but Laura did not want to go at all - I thought to say Julia naturally enough wanted to see her home & I thought we unreasonable not to yield to their wishes. I gave up & came back to this land of New York where saving Julia & the children we have nothing to interest us - I gave up the agreeable intelligent companionship of Ed. for the thousand details of bread & fashion which alone meet us in our companionship here - And those kind hospitable people at Brooklyn - we were obliged to decline all our invitations to tea - We did not even see Kate Bowden (were out when she called) but I saw Sarah's Mother such a handsome pleasant woman when I went to decline the invitation for tea which they gave us - I had expected to stay at least one week at Brooklyn - we went over Sunday night & stay till the following Saturday - but behold Thursday morn - just as I had rec'd your letter by Mrs. Sturges & had run to get my trunk to go home to write a thousand questions about you

even make the journey over from old

all who should rise up but Papa & Lucia & take
us back & we had to run up to meet our King & over
to the direct — I went over two days & then
the rest. See Mrs. L. — tomorrow I go for the last
time to say "good bye" for we go to back to the States,
(have engaged rooms at Mrs. Wicks's) & tomorrow
evening go to Patterson & stay a day & night —
I say "good bye" for Laura declared she will not
go & know the old story "she knows they do not care
whether she is that Lewis's wife & that they talked most
about me" & she is in vain to reason with L. about
these matters as you know & I find I must enjoy
myself my own way & leave her to her own friends
only looking for the opportunity for happiness
the middle

Such a happiness as I have been obliged to enjoy
without her in a visit to our kind friend Mrs.
Mellon. — I believe I have not told you that
Mrs. de Seuse (Julia Prentiss) keeps the
school at Rahway which Mrs. Phelps had & Mrs.
Phillips founded. — She is the widow of a friend
of mine & is a fine intelligent woman — The
"Prentiss" we make this their home & Mrs.
Mellon aids her sister in the musical de-
partment — As soon as we came here Mrs.
P. called & said she had to go out — so Mrs. de
Seuse & Capt. Prentiss came to town for the
same purpose & Mrs. Prentiss wrote me
one of her kind kind notes — I have (if)

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Mrs. C. V. [unclear]
 Detroit

Mr. [unclear]

My dear Mr. [unclear] — I have been thinking of you very much lately and I hope you are well. I have been very busy lately but I have managed to find some time to write you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and I hope you are well. I have been very busy lately but I have managed to find some time to write you.

Alf had not been down — he wrote to say that he had
 not got off till 4 p.m. and I hope he will then be
 home. My Mr. Kuntz yesterday in hand a piece of
 a piece for the children (they cost a dollar a piece) — one
 penny was made a little booklet. I had made for
 Marion Ford and the little that I told you of for good.
 It will be nice work for your winter evenings — they are
 so warm — but little & last so well. I had done
 so much that they are in it on the year I had left.

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I read these balls of cotton to show
how cheap it is in Brooklyn
penny a ball! ain't it nice

31 Oct 1843

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TWISS, EMMA
To Sarah Fitch
1843 December
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Emma Twiss was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Sherrill) Twiss. Sarah Fitch was her maternal grandmother. Emma attended Troy Female Seminary in the years 1843-1845. This letter includes a note by Elizabeth Twiss to Mrs. Fitch, and also a note from Elizabeth Twiss to Mrs. Johnson (in whose care the letter is sent).

Emily Twiss was the daughter of Elizabeth (Sherrill) Twiss and Thomas Twiss.

Long Beach, N.H. Dec. 1840

Dear General

We received your pleasant letter of the 18th an
American & we hope to hear that you are so well & hope you will
continue to be so. We heard from father a short time since & he says
he has been a better man. It was a surprise to the agent at Concord
has not think that I shall see you next summer with slavery in
his hands brought upon you. It is hard enough work to separate an
American from his home.

We had pretty cold weather here & we
went out in the boat yesterday & the place was very cold
and the wind was from the north & the sail of the boat was very stiff
it was very cold & it was very cold to sail it.

We did not eat as
much as I had expected to. We had a very good dinner
& I think that I was very much to eat.

Father always
enjoys his work & about you when he works. He says that
he has been a better man. He is a better man & he is a better man
than he was when he was a better man. He is a better man & he is a better man
than he was when he was a better man.

Mr. Emma Pickard left the first of the week
to his children and does not return until spring. He says that
he has been a better man & he is a better man than he was when he was a better man.
He is a better man & he is a better man than he was when he was a better man.

and what for there is no hand of course to it.

The cat breakfast

by candle light which is not till 10 o'clock & the 1/2 hour till breakfast
however we do not use as early as our neighbors. Mrs. Manning at last
before other people go to bed for the night. The teachers were coming
out from a party in the parlor the noise they made woke her & she
thought it was time to get up & she got up & the two times & went to her
chamber so that she could make her bed & was just going to
bed when the officers came round & Abby found that the
teachers had not retired. Her room made peace because she awake
her & Abby laughed then went her light & then she went to bed & the
next morning had her bed to make over again for the comfort.
We have heard from other sources of Charles & Henry
Childs still in constructing & staying on the organ & so we should
have little chance of leaving them. Abby this morning
thinks wants me to tell grandma that Abby is alive & the first
time the candles are almost as large again as they were the first
time from any memory before he cut his breakfast. We don't to see
how we are whenever he comes to town & always in some way about you
the same. I shall when we next hear of the books well & very fast.
We should all be very glad to see little in Paris & I think that she
is myself could be great friends.

We were very much obliged to her

& in some family for the little boys they sent us & Mother says she
was that she has the letter too that the schoolmaster once or two
was made to go for some. Will have the same pleasure that we know
she will take good care of you but we should like to see them
ourselves & perhaps we may some day at summer day.

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We all want to see Grandma very much indeed but hope that you
will be happy visiting your friends this winter. We send a great
deal of love & kind wishes to all your affectionate grandchildren
Mary & Sarah. It is very long since I have written
and yet had you done so many and things you would
not have thought me more than usually indifferent.
Mary and Sarah say I am going to write in January
letter but it is now and study all day long in addition
we have had the influenza so prevalent and numerous
other hindrances, I hope and know that you will enjoy
yourself this winter and we will try and work with the
children study as well as they can. Mary is the hardest
of them all. I had to day a letter from Mr. Smith who
is quite well, and enquires when I heard from
you I do not go out at all, for I have employment
sufficient here and am very thankful that my
health is much better than it was during the summer.
For a time we were fearful that Mr. Smith was diseased
but he is now better, I let all things go relative to the farm
affairs, and take care of the children. I have said
all and this is all about us. Love to Mr. Sheldon and
the Mrs. Sheldon & say brook & believe yours affectionately &
Dear Mrs. Johnson It is very much out of the way to
leave this letter to chat with you ~~indeed~~ indeed Emma
was to write another to yourself, but you see how it is. If
you could feel the jar of this room (some 60 girls are dance-
ing in the room above) you would not expect much. Thank
you much for this kind letter and all your kindness. I wish
when you come again pray bring little Sis with you a bit as
I have become better acquainted with her. Say to Mrs. Johnson I will
like much to go with her to come & see you but that is impossible.

but as to the care of Mother I know you do better for her
 than I can do when I try my best. Many thanks to little Sis
 for her invite to visit her. If she knew how often they had
 talked of Middlebury friends, she would be sure to see them soon.
 Remember us all to the folks in New England & bid me truly yours
 E.D.



TWISS, SARAH and EMMA
To Sarah Fitch
1844 September 5
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Emma and Sarah Twiss were the daughters of Thomas and Elizabeth (Sherrill) Twiss. Sarah Fitch was their maternal grandmother. Emma attended Troy Female Seminary in the years 1843-1845. Sarah attended in the mid-1840s and again in the early 1850s.

Hydrants Hill Sept 5/1844

Dear Grandma

We arrived home safe & well on Tuesday at half past 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On Wednesday we went to visit to Father. The road is so rough & crooked we arrived at a quarter to Russell & staid there two hours & from there back it is a pleasant ride of 20 miles which we came easily & pleasantly. The weather is very pleasant although we have been a little cool in the evenings are very cool. How is Thomas? Hope he is much better & expect that by next summer he will be able to make us a visit. Since our departure it seems to be as pleasant as possible for them. Mary is very busy sweeping & dusting Sarah herself does most of the parties & then they are attending to the huckle shaws. Such a work as never you saw. I think myself well off if I can find a place for the sale of my feet but what with dusting & sweeping it is a shame if I can't do it home. Don't sit sing "Fiddle Fiddle little star" as pretty as ever I did not hear her sing it myself. But the child said she said it very sweetly. Mr. Willard has mother & those to whom she left a monument at the door on Wednesday as she was returning from Hartford. Oh so Rich's her family are now visiting at the Seminary. I wish they have children enough more there to catch any bodies feet like Mrs. W. has gone & Mrs. D. Mrs. Emma Willard is the eldest of the school she is going. Father cut a watermelon last night in which it was it came from some where around New York. We should have been very happy to have had our friends here to help us eat it. I think it would have tasted better although it is an excellent. Mother has been reading a good deal & we wish you very much indeed for it is much harder work for us than. Grandma Mother has taken every thing out of the barrels you & took of a they are perfectly safe.

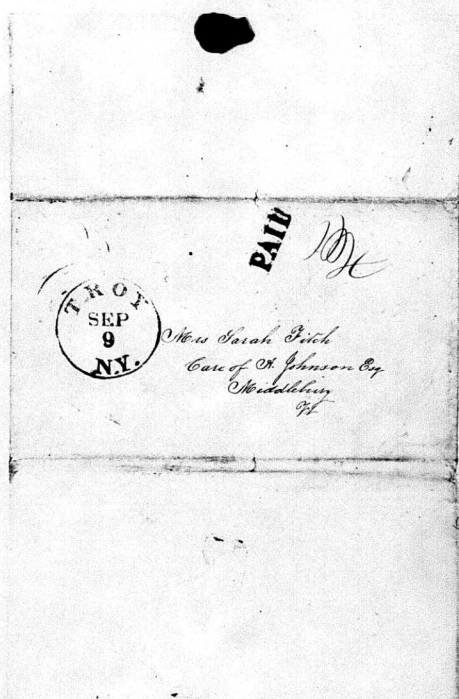
When we were at Mrs Johnsons I spoke to Bustin about an
arithmetic book which Father sent me last winter
neither Father nor myself could recollect exactly how it was
written in Middlebury since we returned. We have looked at the letter
now sent it to Bustin it is sent Swarick with. Take any number
and that number to itself then add 10 & multiply the sum by
five add to it 40 & from this sum reject the figure on the right.
From the remaining figures subtract twelve & the remainder will
be the same as the ^{original} number. The same will be the result of
any number. If after doing this you ask any person what
number is left after taking away the figure on the
right & then subtract the 13 yourself it is a very pleasant exercise.
Have both Maria & Maria as much business on hand as ever!
but I expect their business is generally rather urgent for people
that attend to business are never still & idle. I hope however it will
not prevent them from coming to see us next summer.
The managers are not so spoiled but another says she will take
and the people for they take so. The manager of the manager
& the managers have to be changed very often. Maria says tell
Grandma that she has six feet more which Father thought in
what & she have not got yet. Their eyes open then Maria & Maria
and from a little school with water with yesterday Father thought
see a little black puppy yesterday from Gray named Fido. Maria about
the size & marked very much like the little one we had when we were
young. I think we had fair to have lots of all descriptions of one of our
in this late much longer. Maria is looking the apples Grandma has
two years ago they are as good as they were at first & they will do us a
great deal of good when at the South Bay. Does the old dog get in much
better as ever! Our kind regards to all our friends & wishes
love to Grandma your grand daughter Emma
P. S. Mother thought of sending you a box or two of things but Maria
on her side that she had better let the things to let me return and see

Dear Grandmother

Miss Emma has told you all the news of mine, Mary
ought is much better about Smith has a little girl a little
more than a week old & has a little boy coming to
soon whole news in Vermont Moses says he is going to
bring him down to the city next week The little
Squawles seem quite happy just now I took up a piece
of paper which was lying on the table & look I found
contained a lock of hair of our late ~~late my~~ ~~my~~ ~~my~~

Give my love to all

your aff. granddaughters Sarah



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REED, MARY
To Cornelia Reed
1845 June ?
ALS

Vermont Historical Society

These 3 letters are written by Mary Reed to her sister, Cornelia. Mary talks about school life: the students must "descend 4 flights of stairs" to take their meals, Mrs. Sigourney (the poetess) visited, the number of students at TFS is increasing rapidly and Mary thinks that an addition to the building will soon be placed, school curfew is at 10 pm. She also describes the crowds on Election Day (letter dated Oct. 1845)

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REED, MARY
To Cornelia Reed
1845 October 10?
ALS

Vermont Historical Society

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walks & sits on the piazza. How very pleasant, & how well the
situation of the house is suited to the climate by my room being N. W. & the
apartment is having a garden - that is in use & good. My room is
N. E. & very pleasant, and I give myself much higher than the
unpleasant, or inferior side - The number of houses I passed is
much higher, things peculiar to the country are constantly being made
known, there are some very beautiful day fields, and some the shore
is beautiful. I believe that the view of the sea is more beautiful than the
view of the city.

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REED, MARY
To Cornelia Reed
1845 November 29
ALS

Vermont Historical Society

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also rule for a few hours, it is true, as any person concerned
only, adapted in case of necessity like the present, and their
and objections - all general ideas from many.

Then, with reference to a letter to Misses Blackwell dated
1840, also at the same time a name appears in the Boston
Times's name list in the index. I would have a list
of names taken, which one has mentioned me to Misses
Blackwell, who have now done with the matter and I am
dying them. It is to be intended to be with the first matter
left, not to be removed of the old world. Misses are ac-
cepted, for should he take into his mind, I have seen myself
he might possibly discover the results in question, an
amount of nothing, which certainly would put him
deadly as to the same, being, unfortunately, directed to a better
person - for the sake of the poor man's mind, I think
my innocent, living paper will come into it, and
without suffering any interruption - I feel sure my
lamp, organ, or station you call it, is unwelcome, a little
increasing - What think you on the subject?

Miss Blackwell has been leaving of her it with her head
to visit my house I passed her letter to day - I received
and affectionate that there was of her in person and
"thick & small" she is pursuing the same time of her own
at home the present season, this has prevented of her old
friends and associates, and writing to them occasionally, ma-
king being as you know one of the lowest is - She took
nothing thank for Friends, and for the reason I shall be
undoubtedly to much all ones from that quarter -

Samuel J. May & Amelia Perkins have informed me
by way of my quite lately, respecting their whereabouts,
they have been attending school in the City of Boston,
and in the City of New York, and in the City of New York.

Wishes you might live to become one
of the brave in the "Kingdom"
you see the road now — you know
you're going straight!

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STORER, SUSAN
To Mrs. Ebenezer Storer
1846 June 11
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Susan wrote this letter to her mother, Mrs. Ebenezer Storer of Glens Falls, NY. She describes her first days at TFS. The topics include: school routine, roommate, food served, fashions, and school charge account.

Susan was a resident of Glens Falls, NY. She attended TFS in 1846 and 1847. After graduating, she left TFS for a teaching position in the school of Mrs. Du Pre of Charleston, SC. She taught in Charleston for two years, one year in Barhamville, GA, and worked as a governess in the Darien, GA area for one year. In 1852, she married Frederick Chitty and they resided in Ohio. They returned to Glens Falls seven years later. Seven children were born of this marriage.

Troy Seminary June 11th 1846

Dear Mother

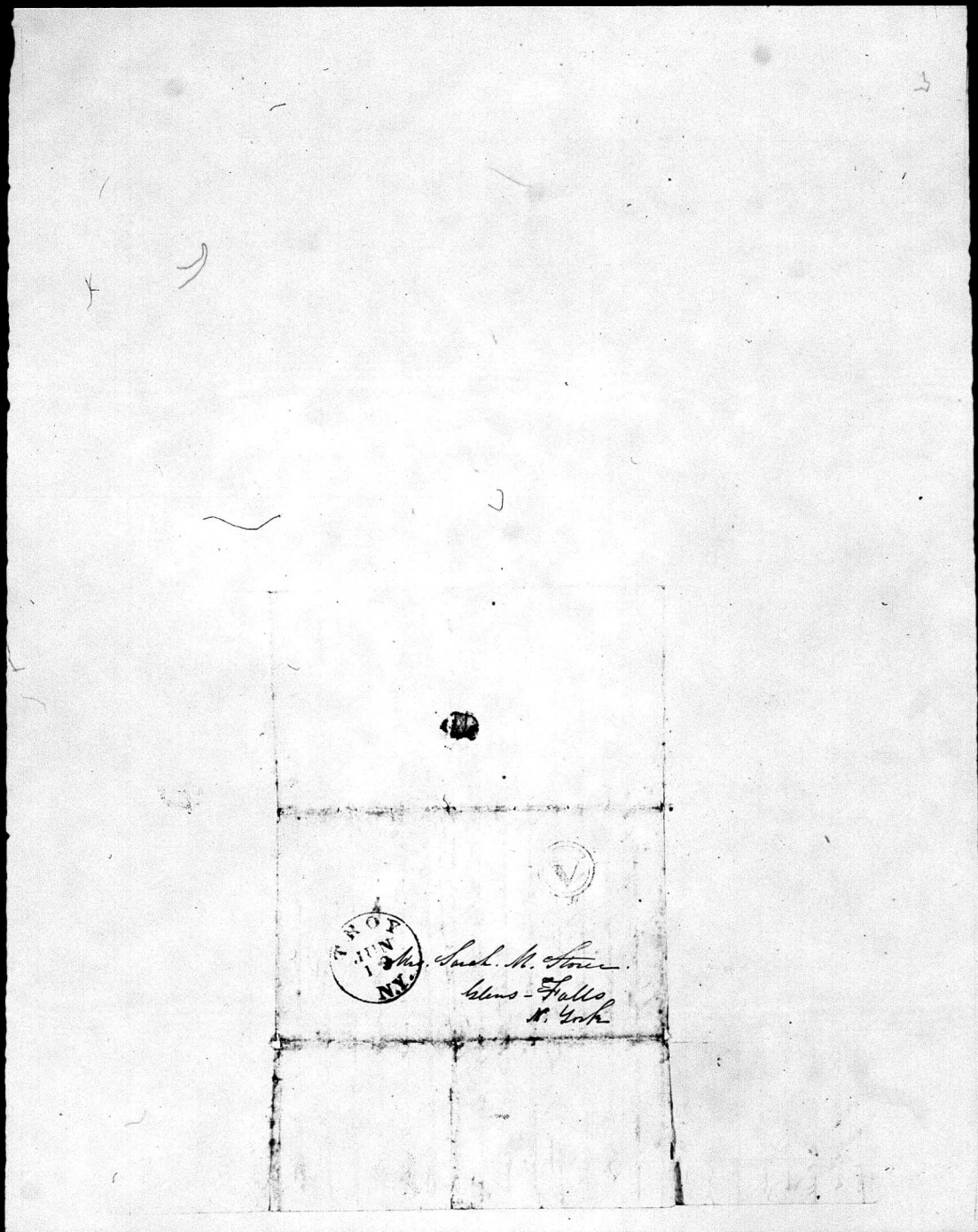
I arrived here in safety. I suppose you know before this time and now I suppose you want to know all about this school. Well then to commence, I am not homesick a bit nor had at all. When I stepped Mrs Willard was out riding and so I saw Miss Hudson (her sister) and she fetched a Miss Lovell and introduced her to me and told me to stay with her that night for she did not know where Mrs W. intended to have me room, so I stayed with her till Wednesday afternoon. This was in 3rd hall and I went in to bed to room with Miss Little from Stafford (Mass). What I mean by the halls, is this, the house is a long, narrow building with halls through the center one above another and only one hall upon each floor, and there is from four of these beside the basement, the school room a day-school is in the fourth hall which is the highest one. I have a real pleasant room, and mate, she looks like Deb Bull. We can get up at what time we ~~can~~ have a mind to if we are only ready at 7 o'clock to go to breakfast, we can do what we are pleased after that till 8 o'clock when the bells ring and study & recitation hours commence and last till one then dinner, and then what we please till 2 again when study hours commence again and last till 5, at 5 1/2 tea and then walk and ~~study~~ study till 9. at 10 go to bed, one minute goes around at 10 to see that all are in bed and lights out. I guess, I shall not starve. The first night for tea we had some bread & butter, a cup of tea, (first rate tea too) and something

that looked like cabbage chopped up and steamed, but I didn't
like any for I was very busy in having eat dinner so late. The
next morning we had mashed potato, ham & eggs, chopped up the
together as you chop pork and eggs and some of the best coffee
I've drunk this good while. In dinner we had oyster cook, and
potato, and something that were some like your fritters only tougher
and brownier, I didn't like them much and so didn't eat them.
For tea we had biscuit & butter & cheese, the next morning we had
pancakes, and B. tea, and sugar & molasses. for dinner we had
roasted dinner, boiled beef & pork, cabbage, and a boiled Indian
pudding. For tea we had bread & butter & gingerbread, this morning
break, and this noon we had something which I will bet you haven't
had, and that was green-peas and roasted pig, and to night
we had bread & butter and sliced beef, and at times is a
plenty of all these victuals. I like to have forgotten to tell you that
Mrs W. had a party the night that I came, and so I didn't see
her at all till the next morning. The girls are all very nicely
and we have the finest old man for teacher in French that
ever was when he was in the first words by said schoolmaster
were "Parlez vous Français?" (do you speak French?) I got a paper
from Sam last night. I have bought a *Crucian* 75 cents and
Racine's 1.25 so I have got to have an instruction book and that
will be 2 or dollar & 20 shillings so I shall wait a little ^{more} money
but it won't make a great deal of difference if I don't get it im-
mediately for they will let me have the book out of the store
any first as they do the rest of the girls and say nothing

if you cant read this you must imagine it.

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about the pay down, but just charge it, but I should rather have the money of course to pay so as not to have any debts contracted more than I could help. Miss Stone has been up to my room to try and claim relationship, but I did not know enough about Father's family to make much out of it, her father's name she says is Benjamin too, and she asked me if I had ever heard father speak of Benjamin Stone, and John Stone, and another one she mentioned I have forgotten it now. When you write just ask father and write what you can learn of him. Write pretty soon and tell me all the news of Glen's Falls. Kiss Marion and Mary a dozen times for me and give my love to all the folks that inquire. My flounces that dress & flounces most fashionable, at least that is what Miss Little says and she is having 3 new ones made, some wear them low and some high in the neck, but when they are low they generally wear under handkerchiefs, they are real handsome muslin ones too, worked in really nice work, but I will write more about that another time after I have been to the dress-makers, they have a dress-making department in the Seminary. The yard that we have said was in front of the house is the Park, and is separated from the Seminary and the girls are not allowed to enter it at all. Send down me some shoes as quick as possible. Don't forget my 4th of July cake that day. So now good by, if you hear of any ones coming down that you think I would like to see tell them to call and now I have written my page down and have got as much more to tell. Ht from your affectionate daughter



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MASON, EMILY B.
To Elizabeth Chew
1846 July 25?
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July 25, 1846 letter to Libbie Chew Clinton [Elizabeth Chew, TFS 1836 - 1838]. Emily misses her and tells about various visits with family and friends. She begs Libbie to stay with her until her husband Robert H. Clinton returns from the Civil War. Kate and her children are coming to visit.

Biography - Emily was the daughter of General John Ann Thomson Mason Thomson and Eliza Baker (Moir) Mason. She was born in Lexington, KY. She spent the year from 1832 to 1834 at TFS. Her sisters Catharine Armstead Mason, and Laura also attended TFS. Emily's picture appears in Emma Willard and Her Pupils along with an expanded biography.

Elizabeth Chew was the daughter of Thomas John Chew, Purser United States Navy, and Abby Hortense (Hallam) Chew. She was born in Brooklyn, NY and was a pupil at the Troy Seminary from 1836 - 1838.

10 I drove the River past his way to the Garrison. At one
 time we had eight steam boats from the battle fields of
 Calaca de la Palma & Palo Alto! He gave several of some
 interested & waited about the river from 1 o'clock & heard the
 brave spirits who stayed to go sent a part down there.
 The first officer who reached there very dead: he lay who was
 dreadfully wounded. He spent a day with us. I gave us
 a lesson at night of him that I finally arrived him he cradled
 by. You can see that we have something if you had
 heard these eye witnesses & actors without the individual act
 of selling three fields spirituelle. I saw the Corporal William
 of Higher who reached first. Drives a Mexican officer of
 forward with the help of another man killed a piece of the enemy
 cannon. From these officers we learned the particulars
 of the death of the Union Major Weston. He died fighting
 hand to hand with a Mexican Capt. (Lorenzo) & was
 having to push forward through repeatedly called on to see
 answer. I think I had time & would tell you of all
 things. He was of all the history from the fields of battle
 which they bore. Several of the men had the Mexican
 places - the valley which had round them a little
 thing. He was the only one who had a money he had taken
 from the hand of a dead Mexican in the field. He
 had a Spanish like letter from a dead officer pocket. He
 then had a Mexican that picked up on the field & all had
 any quantity of cigarette & tobacco I would send them one
 but that I fear you would not be experienced as it did not
 a cigar from Sparta Camp. I saw some little flowers
 in from the officers. One of the officers had a pocket of which was
 wounded in the second action - a shot passed through
 neck. It is not valuable. - But I doubt if it
 is anything hard, so after telling you that Capt. Moore
 gave three admirable men a grand ball at which
 he had (older than) Genl. Porter & 1st division & then officers
 & that it was a grand charming affair. I will turn
 to the next thing.

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Cincinnati is really a fine city & a beautiful one. - I was a
very short time seeing Mrs. Telford - I was out when she
came to see us & she said when she tried to get out - It is much
better than - Every body seems to be so much in the way of
things - the end of the first Mrs. Lane must needs get a little
from Capt. C. & go to come down to Pickering & spend a
week with him - by the way with Capt. C. & Mrs. Lane
which I came out with my Aunt & Cousin. It was ready
for his reception at Lexington - He reached Pickering a good
time - enjoyed his visit in the best weather - was charmed
with Mrs. Chittens Brother & his wife & indeed with all the set
& last Monday came back safely - Capt. C. having been or-
dered to join Capt. C. at N. Orleans - He will go to
San Antonio -
I am very happy to have made a week's visit with my dear
friends at Lexington - I came down here to see some dear friends
people Mr. & Mrs. Adams - my brother's old friend with
whom I have always been a lot. It is but an hour or so
ride from Lexington - A beautiful town & some fine people & it was
a good hour's ride with you in the morning & a fine afternoon
always to see just down here - I am in the midst of a little
affair which you shall be informed of soon as it goes
forward of any thing - It is far better than the practical affair
there & is in the case - but better in the - practical &
garden of a town to Europe! The best way as to a lot
with health & some money could make by the way there by
some correspondence very interesting - He does write a lot
& Mrs. Langforth was so interested & interesting - He has been
by lately - And Mrs. Telford & Mrs. Lane & Lane & Lane
at Cincinnati & then spent a day at Lexington which I spent
to them in all its beauty - The old lady was very happy
He had just come from Paris - Called her a "little creature"
for the time, the boy's & all to my heart's content
I have not seen his book is could not complain that
about it - Tell me of it - something about "Lett's best"
didn't it - rather deep written key! Does she find or hear
I am reading her the Miscellaneous & agreeable & well written

Papa is in N.Y. but will be out this fall - on his way
 to Texas - Mrs. Mason will not come with him at
 least at Baltimore -
 And I tell you - Natalie says marriage is perfect
 for her - They said last month for Europe
 to return in Oct. & now I have an invitation to
 spend the winter with them in N.Y. as far as
 think of Natalie going to Europe! Oh who had never
 before seen some of the girls.
 I have never heard a word of Sarah Brown though I should
 be sure to write to her -

Brooklyn
 March 1854



This is a copy of a letter
 from Natalie to her
 mother, dated March 1854.

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I mean to study & hard next winter - My shuttles will
be always on the point of going on as shall they need it.
We left C. come back from the west - then I sat down &
did my own work all about to see my friends - unless
I go to Europe - If I cannot I go to the East - I like to see
you & them especially as I feel now with the girl in the house
I go more than twenty times a day to see her.
I have a thousand things to say but my time is so
short for I am forbidden to go and to see the sick black woman
tells of the ill treatment of the West - there is an old woman
who has been bed-ridden (paralysis & hypochondria) - nearly
four years - She occupies a large bed room over the
door - fixed up in state & there is a maid - a servant
maid or I sleep in the room with her - & she is served
every day from the table & something of every thing
the prettiest table with - in oceans - After this I shall
for some time dwell the good spirit of my admiration to day
my friend goes & need to talk with her a portion of every day
& when she goes to her plantation in Miss. in winter, she
has long but she may not be well attended to by the
nurses in her absence -
My next letter to her children in Sept. must it be a
happiness for us all to be together -
I have Mr. Swift's resignation in a Cardinal paper - I'll
be at the North - My love to Harriette & that she
is with you - to you - Mother & Father - I'll write
a good intelligent letter next time - I shall
the Capt. of the S. T. Merid in the "Condor" - He is to
bring the beautiful children, children of whom you
have heard us speak - The Mother would have been crushed
had it not been for him he had his hundred thousand but not that
he is only a Capt. in the Army - He objects the other section
has just married a Lieut. in the same Corps - I love you both
I'll be good - You dear child - write soon I love you both
best of every I feel they do seem most friendly & I feel them to be
good to them - I love you both each time I have one
of them to day - And I shall think of you soon off - Emily & Rachel -

GRAVES, FRANCES R[EBECCA?]
From Iverson Graves
1847 February 11
ALS

Graves Family Papers #2716
Southern Historical Collection
Wilson Library
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

A letter from her father, Iverson Graves written to her at Troy. It is addressed to Rebecca F. Graves. He speaks of travel arrangements and of a death.

Biography - Her mother was Sarah Dutton Graves. She appears in Troy Female Seminary catalogs for February 1847 as being from Oxford, Georgia, for August 1847 as being from Covington, Georgia and for February 1848 as being from Covington.

at home July 11th 1847

My dear child

I have a little from Lewis Henry to his mother a few days
since, in which he states that Mr. Henry would leave the City of New York about the
first of August for Georgia. I have written him this morning asking him to write to
me if convenient to tell me when he will be in the State of Georgia.

In my last letter to you I mentioned that I had been thinking of going to
New York but had left it down to you to decide whether you would come or remain until the fall. I
within a few days fully decided not to visit New York in the Spring. You were
is so very anxious to visit him & other friends, that I have hoped that Providence
would have opened the door. I find the chances all against the prospect of
seeing you within of seeing New York the point you had sought to visit, should
Cassius Washington call for you, that you return with him.

We have had a time of excitement with us all at Mr. Stewart for
more than a week. On the first Sunday in July commenced the sale of
his estate property. Continued two days in Lexington and two at Longwood
he took it very hard and when he properly was all gone then much to his
withing longer to stimulate or excite him, when night before last the machinery
of life stood still and he breathed his last as if falling into a sleep and life.

I was sent for so soon as it was discovered he was about to die
but before I got there the mortal strife was over. he laid him down
beside my old father on last evening. Lady Longstreet and family were out
spent the night with us and have just left. Even all the love the
of his property as well as his bequest with a generous remembrance for one
of his servants. The family are left with property enough to support them
comfortably and friends that will stick to them in any and every emergency.

They have already run out to all the out and out Mr. Williams will in
a few days take possession of Longwood.

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I had a letter from your Mother & Margaret saying your Mother in London
was well, and that we were young & ^{the} money & money, & money, something better than
nothing.

Blame the tolerance of my sheet for your Mother who wishes to inter-
be a good child and may the God of all give comfort you through life. —

Yours Father
Linnor Shaver



Mr. William J. Gaus
Long Beach, California
New York

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BEDELL, ANNA
To John W. Bedell
1848 January 28
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Letters written by Anna on behalf of herself and her sister, Prudence, who was also at TFS. Anna includes particular information about classes, expected appearance of students, and school closing ceremonies. She comments that Mrs. Willard opens 'suspicious' letters to students so that no correspondence "...should be carried on, that would be injurious to the interest of the scholar."

Biography - Anna was the sister of Martha and Prudence Bedell, who were also students of TFS. She lived in Coxsackie, NY and was a student at TFS in 1848. She qualified as a teacher.

Tracy Ferry Sew. Student
Living in Lodge June 2, 90
May 24th. 1895

We have delayed writing with the expectation of seeing some of you before this time, last week it was so pleasant there was scarcely a day but that we thought you would certainly come, unless Stephen had given up coming to Troy. We like to hear and are well satisfied with the school; the teachers are kind and entirely competent, to instruct in any branch, the interest they evince in the progress of their pupils is some encouragement to persevere; good order and regularity prevails in this school of over three hundred scholars. Mrs. C. Willard lectures once a week on History. She holds the principal meets all the girls in the lecture room two days in the week when the compositions are read and she talks on different subjects particularly on Saturday she reads and gives explanations on passages in the Bible. The married appearance of the girls which she says is of great benefit. Two weeks from next Monday the examination commences and continues nine days closing on Wednesday afternoon, there will be a vacation of one week. If any of you wish to come up then the most interesting part will be the two last days, diplomas and certificates are then awarded to the best scholars and those that have completed a whole course of study. Last Saturday was the examination in music a preparation for the second the performances on the piano, guitar & harp. Mother would be pleased to hear them sing; it is considered as a part of the education, but while attention is paid to the different branches of study are not neglected. There are several cases of the small pox, some not far from where we board, in the same street if we were farther up in the city I do not think the exposure would be quite so much. I think Stephen will like it here he can board at the same place with us, the institute is not far from the door. Mr. Green lectures there every week. We would be glad to hear from you before long. A. Beall

Our boarding place is ~~very~~ inconvenient, and not very pleasant. I should
not wish to remain here much longer. There are other places ~~where~~ where it can
be got cheaper and better too, than our good place near the town.

Wm. B. Bell
Cousin
Lucas Co.
N.Y.

BEDELL, ANNA
To John W. Bedell
1848 February 17
ALS

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Copy Oct. 10th 1848

I suppose you have almost come to the conclusion that our attention was taken up, we were so much engaged, that we found no time to write letters; but perhaps while you have been thinking of this we have had very different ideas on the subject. We have expected some of you almost every day since we have been home, and have written twice, when last evening we received letters stating that you had not heard from us since we have been in Troy. No strange indeed you have not received our letters we wrote before the examination in hopes some of you would come up it would well worth the trouble, you can't imagine what a great time we have had, it closed yesterday, twelve young ladies received diplomas who have completed their education. It was interesting enough, we attended every day during the whole, which continued nine days. There is a vacation of one week we did not know but you would think it best to come home and stay till school commences again, you ask how we like it, we are so well pleased that we don't desire to go any where else every thing is done that can be to improve and stimulate the scholars to learn, every means is afforded to attain a practical knowledge of the studies pursued, and a expense spared for obtaining of all kinds, this school ranks high but it has not the name without richly deserving it. One of the teachers remarked the other day she never was in a school where the standard was as high as in this. Those that board at the Sem. are under the more immediate care of the principal when not in school still others have the same chance during school hours they are very kind to us and I suppose would be more so if we should board with them. Letters sent to us should not be directed to the care of Mr. Willard he only deems them to do work heard than as they are not supposed to go to the Post Office.

themselves the Father is very strict in regard to the letters several suspicious
looking envelopes have been broken open before the girls were allowed to see them,
so fearful are they that any correspondence should be carried on, that would
be injurious to the interest of the scholar. If you direct to the st and number
the letters will be brought to the door.

We thought Stephen would have been here long
before this I suppose he is attending school at home preparing to come to the
institute. I presume if he could come here now and keep on going study for about
six months he might have a chance to improve some and perhaps gain enough to make
up for lost time at home. Our boarding place is very inconvenient we do not like it
very well, we have been in hopes Stephen would come up, then we could all board
together there are other places in the city which suit us much better than our
course of the small place in the city but we do not feel quite so much frightened about
it as we did at first.

The boys perhaps hear to day for their daughter I thought I would send the letter
by them and make sure of your getting it this time, we have but a very little
time to write for they are to take the over of two. Mrs. King wishes them soon
of looking upon nothing fine you can send it up by Mr. Hays and you may send
some for us if you have it to spare. I have no time to write any more at present
we shall be glad to hear from you soon.

P.S. Please to direct your letters to Anna Dittell

18 Kings St

Long

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BEDELL, ANNA
To John W. Bedell
1848 March 18

Emma Willard School Archives

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Spencer, N.H.
Caprock
March 19

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REED, EMILY AND ELIZA
To Martha Barnard Reed
1849 June 20
ALS

Vermont Historical Society

This letter is written by Emily and Eliza Reed to their mother. Due to a cholera outbreak, "ice water cream" has been forbidden.

Emily, and Eliza Reed were the daughters of Hezekiah and Martha P. (Barnard) Reed. They were all born in Montpelier, VT.

Eliza entered TFS in 1848 and graduated in 1849. In 1853, she married Alpha Child May, a lawyer from Milwaukee, WI. They moved to San Jose, CA in 1887, where Judge May died. They had three daughters, the eldest was Mrs. Paul P. Austin.

Emily attended TFS from 1848 to 1849 when she graduated. She married the Hon. Charles W. Willard of Montpelier in 1855. Mr. Willard served 2 terms in Congress. They had 2 sons and 2 daughters. Emily died in 1886.

My dear Mother - June 28th - 89 -

My dear Mother -

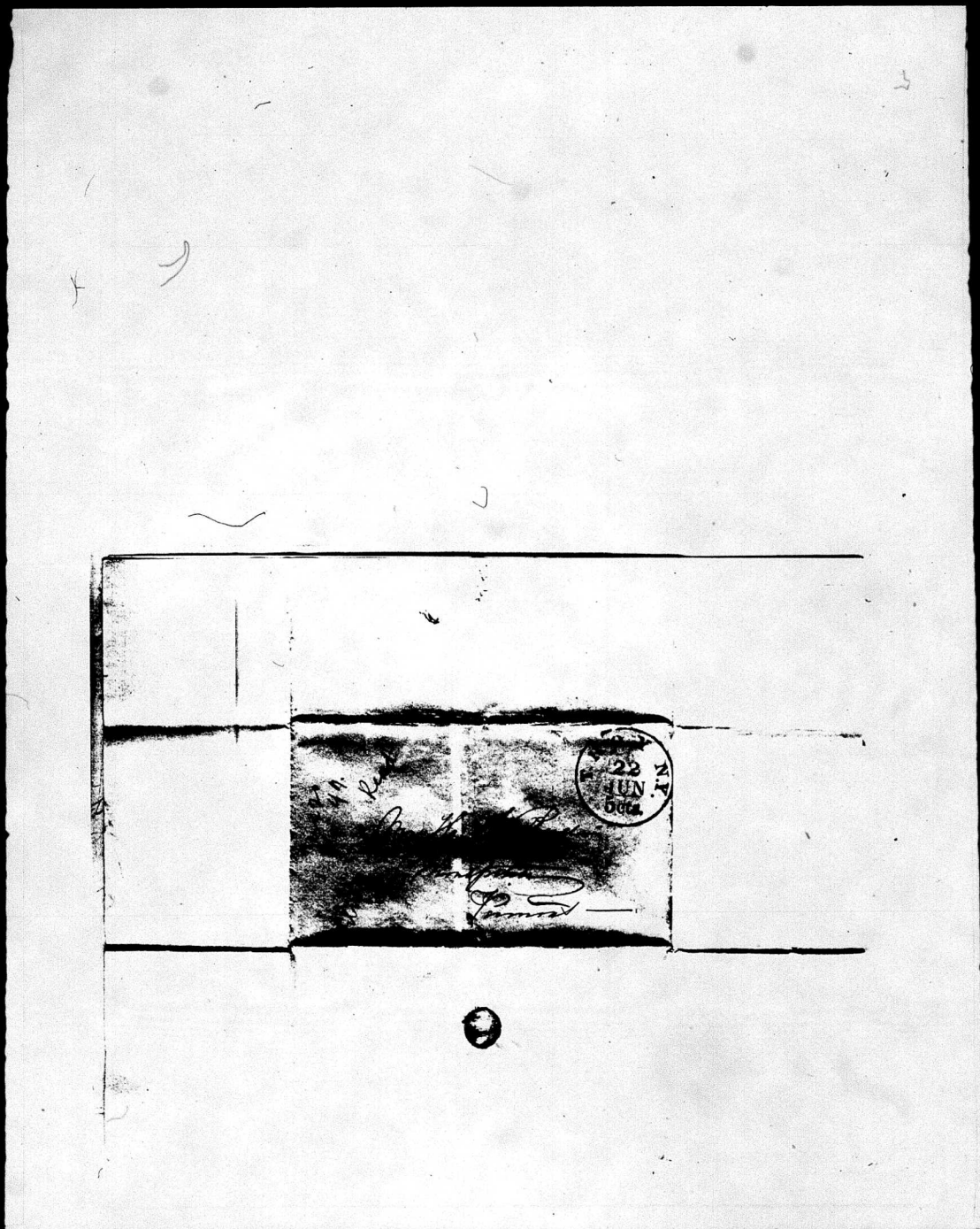
I am a longer - much longer time since
I received your much prized letter that I am entitled
to should be - but he - he must be heard - but
must be befriended in spite of everything - though the
last few days I have been but full informed for
we find it to want to do anything - this afternoon we have
been kind - though it was difficultly left has been sustained
by means of rather immediate - He does not want to
be sent away - as it is forbidden in account of
the doctor - as for our return home - you need not be
in the least surprised - I have had a very - some
day - for I have a the best interest - we shall not be
long in making you aware of our presence - I returned
of the city did not coming and was here the morning
after an exceedingly short illness - I had been here the only
case since I wrote a much doubt from this disease at
least this afternoon but the report may have been a
false one - This looks from to day school since - I hope you

will realize how short the time is he is so full -
I have a number of interests which I have transferred
of late he is so full with him - He is his house occasionally
but not often as he would, then
I am of former days could

My dear sister -

Could we come you soon to me
I shall like to see you & I shall like to see you
but can not do so - but that you are well &
happy in the anticipation of seeing with you is
soon. Shall we not see you here with
nothing - I hope you are not frightened about
the children - we are not at the least

I cannot pass this you good night, with
much love and the hope of seeing you soon
I remain your aff. daughter Eliza



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SNEDEKOR, M. Elizabeth
From Liza
1851 July 23
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Liza describes her experiences while traveling in England. She includes her itinerary and shares personal news.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

My dear Elizabeth, I send you
some little notes.
Yours affectionately
C. J. Sumner

London July 2nd 1851

My Dear Lizzy. I have an opportunity to send you
something by a Mr. Whitepole from Long. As you
are probably aware of it, I am only had a
moment's opportunity & I fear you will think it
an out-cast of a kind. It is coming very late
& I have very much to pack to go to the
British Museum, Foreign Office & such a
dozen other things. My opinion I have just
come in from the school & I could not find
anything to send that was pressing & just as
I was giving up in despair I found the piece
of silk for a dress - the handkerchief for
John's pocket, the handkerchief for the
school. I will pay it on that account.
You are of the paper getting to be just a
little bit of a paper. I am sure you will
be able to get it at the other side of the
street in Edinburgh. I will send you a
dozen of Hetch's plates but as it goes by a stage
we might have to pay duty on it - but I
will bring you something pressing from Paris.
You are of the opinion to be well with you.
All your love I am getting well angry at
you for not having written to me.
We have London business for Rotterdam
& if you look on your map you will know

just where we are - from Rotterdam to Amsterdam
through Germany, Switzerland & then to Paris where
we expect to arrive on Thursday or Friday evening.
We must see friends in Paris tomorrow & take a
Continental Pullman as they call them
with us. I am heartily sick of London. We
have seen almost everything over the country.
Her Majesty the Queen is just here.

We have been through the General Anti-
Suffrage in Abbey Park, the to General
sailed on the Thames to the Exhibition then on
from time to numerous other places.

I wish you could spend a few days at the
Exhibition. I can give you an description of it -
there is everything you can imagine. The most
beautiful things you can think of. The most
beautiful things you can think of. The most
beautiful things you can think of.

We are staying at 29 George St. -
square in the Grosvenor Park of London the
West-End. yesterday afternoon we were out riding
in Hyde Park which is the fashionable
drive from Grosvenor to B. & it is a delight
some but private carriages are allowed in
the Park. Here you can see the nobility out
in elegant elegant carriages with coachmen &
footmen in livery.

We have quite a single best evening we
had just before when there was a cry of
"fire, fire" at one place. you can imagine.

Jan. I jumped out of bed & greeted my Lord & dear
Anne Harris. But happening to think what an
ignominious & horrible man Burke had been in my Noble
friends & getting up what I could & started
again for the street as I happened but - it was
nothing much - a gentleman whom we accident-
ally met for C^o. His Christian Customs' thing
was burnt, but nothing else, it was when
we met - I am sure you I should be for ever
tired. We have had in London two weeks
it seems like a month. I am quite sick
for two or three days after we arrived, I am
completely tired out - I had taken cold, but I
am now very well. Mr. Wolfe from Poughkeepsie
has been here with us since he left his ship &
we have through him away with us. We must be
wonderful of Americans every day there are arrivals
I have a great deal to tell you when I get home
but I do not feel on the way sailing. We get
so tired night - among all day long that when
we find any time to write we make it take it
rest. London is an immense city. -
August - It is the finest - It & there are some
delightful about it. Our goods in our journey
everything is so thick & awkward looking. The
houses do not show in the parts at all. They
are very much through, everything costs a great
deal. Living is very high - it seems every five
days as it does not many of the English cities

On my way to London from Manchester in winter
 I stopped on a horse where I had a place and
 then came on horse as a post to the house of
 the place where he was married. He went
 to Manchester, but he & his friends the last
 is nothing but a ruin. I stopped at Leamington
 which is a curious place - and the
 Abbot's house the residence of Sir Ralph
 Clot of Leamington Abbey where he is
 buried. The country parts of England are very
 beautiful. The fields are enclosed with
 green hedges & are a high state of cultivation.
 In 1731 I must come to a stop. - I have been
 written to you for these times & at present
 I am in a hurry I cannot tell whether she
 has received them or not - What you know
 this? if it is only one time I shall write you
 from Paris & not write them as an office to
 Versailles all the time. If there is anything you
 would like to have in time you from Paris back
 me - It is my pleasure - Versailles but I cannot
 think it is the bestest work you can do -
 Give my love to your mother & tell her I am not
 back - I am not yet & I am not any prospects
 of her coming to Europe - but I would be very
 happy to see her from her. Give my love to all your
 friends & excuse the haste of this account -
 My address is in Paris. Adieu & Good
 Night de Monsieur 41 Rue de la Harpe Paris -
 I will write you again -

BALDWIN, CHARLOTTE A.
To Julia Baldwin
1851 November 16
ALS

Collection of Robert F. Welt

This letter contains family news.

Biography - Charlotte, the daughter of David L. and Martha Pond (DeWitt) Baldwin, was born in Milford, CT. She entered TFS in 1851 and remained for one year. In 1866, she married Lewis J. Nettleton with whom she had one daughter and three sons.

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New York November 16th 1852

My dear Sister

Your letter was received with much pleasure last Monday, and as the folks have all gone to church I thought I would sit down this evening and try and answer it, though I can scarcely see the paper distinctly, and fear you will not be able to make out what I have written, for I suffer very much with my eyes, and fear I am getting blind, and what will my husband and dear children do. I am afraid they will have to go naked, or nearly so, for I am my dear, nobody could do, as I do for them. "You say in your letter, how you would love to see us all, it seems as if you hardly saw us the day you left for Troy, you stay such a short time, it seems to me almost an age since I saw you, and I wish sincerely that you was staying with me this winter, and attending school at Miss Clarke's, than staying where you now do, but a change is for the best sometimes, and you may learn to love me more

by being where you are now. The visiting certainly
will be more pleasant after such a long absence
- but another winter if we live, you must remember
you are to spend with me. you next go on
to speak of the cakes I gave you and of the
board you have at Mrs. Fiske's - you find a
vast difference I think from home, where you could
run to the cupboard, and get a piece of cake or pie
whenever you felt disposed. I wish you was near
me that I could send you some, we have now
some delightful pumpkin pie, which after you had
eaten the first piece, would make your mouth
water for the second, and some delicious French
Cakes too, which I wish you was here to eat up
for it seems to go a begging, - your teachers prob-
ably think you could not study as well, if you
ate heartily, and so give you food that will digest
while you are visiting. You wish to know if I
am going up to Milford Thanksgiving. I think
not, for I am not very well, I have a large family
and I think it is too cold for the children and
another thing my husband is very poor in purse
just now and if I stay at home there will be
five dollars saved for him, only think of that a

very important item in these hard times, we are
going home to Father's to spend Thanksgiving day,
and Charles Dimon is going up to Milford with
Richard. — I suppose you want me to write
you all the news but I have none to communi-
cate. Ad. was up here and spent one evening last
week, but he does not come very often. I think he
would rather go in 23rd Oct. 1; and I cannot blame him.
Charles was up here this evening but has gone to his
work in yard, shall probably see him after church.
Julia Smith and Susie Dimon attend school, and
I believe Billy Habinslaw is quite as attentive to Susan
as ever, though she was at Church last Sunday Evening
with William Phelps, so the world goes, one minute
as thick as pudding, and she next hates them like
poison. My brother Edward, is to be married in about
two weeks. (Dec 3rd?) in Church, they have no wedding
and they go home to her Mother's to board. Susan and
Charles are boarding her and I have as much, and
more than I can see to. So if I do not write to you
and answer all your letters, you must think
it is from want of time, and do not stop writing
because I may not answer all your letters, for I
shall write you if I do not. My children

are very well indeed now, and Minnie often speaks
of Lot. Lavin has had a very sore arm, but it is now drying
up, and will soon be well. She is five months old, but
does it appear so to you? she is growing quite large, and
next month I shall put her in short clothes, if I can
possibly get them ready - remember me to Mary and accept

Charlotte I have not time to write
you today but will do so soon
Yours
Richard

Miss Charlotte & Children
Pembroke
May 14

For yourself the love of Richard, the children & your sister
I should be happy to have you call -
Lavin

BALDWIN, CHARLOTTE A.

From Richard Baldwin

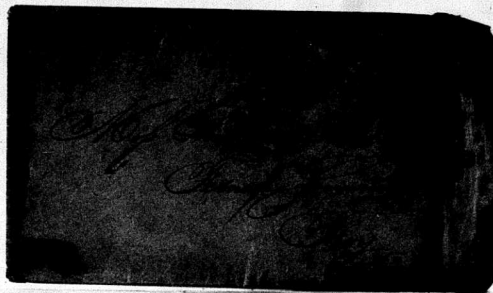
1852 January 20

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This letter was written by Charlotte's brother, Richard. This letter contains family news and brotherly advice that Charlotte should "...throw off the giddiness and flippancy of the school girl and assume the dignity of a young lady..." now that she "has arrived at an age that demands this of you."

Biography - Charlotte, the daughter of David L. and Martha Pond (DeWitt) Baldwin, was born in Milford, CT. She entered TFS in 1851 and remained for one year. In 1866, she married Lewis J. Nettleton with whom she had one daughter and three sons.



Dear Sister

New York Aug 25 1852

If I have not before written to you, it has not been from forgetfulness of you, or because I have had no leisure to write to you, but rather on account of the many other engagements I have, and the other thoughts that, situated as I am, must ever so occupy my mind. And they are of a nature too, to which our brothers residing here are strangers, for while they have a little family around them, that might wait for the well-known foot step, and as often witness upon a Sunday and father like the bill of affliction, as he enters the house to take his place in their midst, they can never know, the thoughts and anxieties that fill his mind, as he looks upon the little group thus assembled, as the wife and little innocent children about him, he cannot but hope that as close of some may be still upon them, and feel those glowing shades of love those laughing eyes with tears - while mingled with those hopes, and the happiness, comes the thought, they may not seem to want, and those little ones may one day cry for bread - which the harsh and unfeeling world will deny them - But here father that - Confess with those thoughts come those of failure, or success in business and with them stirring up others, as to whether this or that course is best to attain the latter - And then it is that the minds of those having little families depending

upon them for support. At most of the times in a story
which almost wholly excludes the entrance of other thoughts
into the mind, and it is to such as these you must in a
measure attribute the cause of my not having before
written to you - and it is too, to such as these, that Dr. Hise
Charles and Adam are strangers - It seems to me that they
have no excuse, for allowing you to be so long without
a word from either of them - they have an abundance
of time to themselves, and could, if they chose, write
you a letter every week, - and they would do so, were they
to do as I used to do to Martha and Mary - when I
was similarly situated - They will however do as they
think best about it, and I suppose there is no use in my
saying any thing about it to them -

When I received your letter a week ago to day, I thought, and
intended to have answered it Sunday evening, but was
prevented - and the truth of the matter is, that situated
as she is at present she has not much time to spare for
any thing outside of household affairs, so you must not
think strange of it, if you get no more than one letter
for two of yours - She will probably write you a few lines
to send with this, and give you all the particulars
of family matters &c. - that is a point on which I
will not touch, but leave it for her to tell you -

I am glad to hear you are so well pleased with
the school and school - and I do hope you will be
content, and adjust yourself as to meet the opposition
of all - You are enjoying advantages, more than most
of men, by your other sister, and I hope you will turn

them to a good account - to do this it is very necessary
that you should study hard, - and be perfect in your
recitation - you should now too, throw off the pretence
and flippancy of the school-girl - and assume the dignity
of a young lady - you have arrived at an age that demands
this of you, and I trust, that you will with all your
learning, learn the true grace and modesty that so
much adorns the lady that practices them - do not
misunderstand me - I do not mean by this that you
should be stiff and formal, as if a little learning has
made you condemned vain - not at all - but learn to be
easy, graceful and dignified in your manners, and you
will be sure to win the respect and esteem of all
whose smiles and good wishes are worth forming.

You are not forgotten by Minnie and Emma, for
they often speak of you - I am I hope when this
time comes you will spend a week or two with us
at least - And now leaving other matters for another
time, and to bid you adieu, as well as Minnie, Emma
and Lucy's I will add that if your affectionate
friend

Richard
D. B.

I am dear
You will see by the date of this letter
that it has been written more than a week, and I have
been keeping it that Julia might add a few lines
but she has been so much occupied since the date of
this that it has been impossible for her to do so. - The
Children have all been sick with Colds, and are
not now well, though better - These Charles, Susan's
husband - left last Thursday for South America and
then Francisco to be gone some six or eight months
which of course afflicts her and Julia has felt
it her duty to be well and comfort her as much
as possible. And all together, she has been quite
unable to write to you, but she will do so very soon.
I forgot to add another to her list of
trouble, she has on account of her weakness, and
health been wearing shoes - which of course does
largely upon her form and affliction -

Charles had a letter from you this morning
he told me - I shall expect one soon, or you may write
to Julia, as you please - I cannot stay to write you
more now. Remember me to Lucy - and accept
for yourself the affection of Julia and her little
family, who will be glad to see you on your return!

And your affectionate
Mother

July 9, 1852

SNEDEKOR, Mary
To Ed
1852 May 23
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

In this letter Mary tells her cousin Ed an anecdote about Mary and some of the other Troy Female Seminary students going to the ice cream parlor without permission. She relates a dialogue with Mrs. Willard regarding the incident.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

June 1st, May 29 - 1852.
My Dear Cousin.

My dear Cousin, Ed. I have

It is one of those rainy Sunday
afternoons when one feels like doing nothing or
writing letters. I went to Church this morning, and
heard an excellent sermon delivered by Dr. Wallis.
This afternoon I am occupied from Church, and
am now sitting on the sofa with a pillow behind
my back - Ellen is endeavoring to quiet my
nerves as she says, by holding a jar of pickles
so near me that I cannot possibly reach them.
Six weeks from next Wednesday Ed. Oh happy! happy!!
But there is a great deal of business to do up before that
time - I attended a Lecture last evening given by
Mr. Franklin. Oh the fear! He was not very fluent as
he had not yet acquired sufficient knowledge of our
language to express himself. I read in the Liberator
from yesterday and my heart has hardly finished
bounding from one side to the other. But we will
have to wait faster before I am through. Oh Ed!
I had a glorious time the other evening. I wanted
you could have
to take had you taken a jump in at one
window - Eight or ten of the girls, your wild cousin
included concluded among themselves to start

of the Willard & went to run away to the ice cream saloon.
Accordingly at the hour appointed we assembled,
with bonnets & shawls concluded - The meetings
seeing no thought we were going to our respective
places, but ^{things are} all so quiet that the ^{ice cream} ^{saloon} ^{was} ^{the} ^{place} ^{we} ^{went} ^{down} ⁱⁿ ^{back} ^{stairs} ^{way} ^{and} ^{the} ^{gate} ^{front} ^{to} ^{the} ^{confectioners} [&] ^{happily} ^{put} ^{out} ^a ^{person} - Having
partaken of the Cream & cake ^{one} ^{returned} ^{to} ^{our} ^{respective} ^{places} ^{again} ^{performed} [&] ^{we} ^{returned} ^{to} ^{our} ^{respective} ^{places} ^{when}
the porter bell rang we went down with steps
and dreaming good as if we had been closely
applying ourselves to study - The next morning
I went to Stewart - Came to my room found
Lillie with some other girls in a perfect roar of
laughter - Mary I have been down to Mrs Willard
and she wants to see you - What's the matter
Lillie are we found out? I have mind you must
go immediately down - I was so confused I hardly
knew what way to turn - Lillie was obliged to catch
me back and provide me with a clean fresh
^{and} ^{new} ^{dress} ^{and} ^{new} ^{shoes} ^{and} ^{new} ^{hosiery} ^{and} ^{new} ^{finger} ^{and} ^{new} ^{neck} ^{and} ^{new} ^{waist} ^{and} ^{new} ^{skirt} ^{and} ^{new} ^{coat} ^{and} ^{new} ^{hat} ^{and} ^{new} ^{gloves} ^{and} ^{new} ^{socks} ^{and} ^{new} ^{under} ^{garments} ^{and} ^{new} ^{corset} ^{and} ^{new} ^{garter} ^{and} ^{new} ^{ribbon} ^{and} ^{new} ^{lace} ^{and} ^{new} ^{trimmings} ^{and} ^{new} ^{buttons} ^{and} ^{new} ^{hooks} ^{and} ^{new} ^{eyes} ^{and} ^{new} ^{studs} ^{and} ^{new} ^{pins} ^{and} ^{new} ^{needles} ^{and} ^{new} ^{thread} ^{and} ^{new} ^{knives} ^{and} ^{new} ^{scissors} ^{and} ^{new} ^{brushes} ^{and} ^{new} ^{combs} ^{and} ^{new} ^{hair} ^{and} ^{new} ^{tooth} ^{and} ^{new} ^{brush} ^{and} ^{new} ^{soap} ^{and} ^{new} ^{perfume} ^{and} ^{new} ^{essence} ^{and} ^{new} ^{oil} ^{and} ^{new} ^{cream} ^{and} ^{new} ^{powder} ^{and} ^{new} ^{make} ^{and} ^{new} ^{up} ^{and} ^{new} ^{down} ^{and} ^{new} ⁱⁿ ^{and} ^{new} ^{out} ^{and} ^{new} ^{on} 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SNEDEKOR, Mary Emma Willard School Archives
From Sarah A. Nicoll
1853 July 21
ALS

Contains personal news and plans.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

I really thought
you were too well acquainted
with me to think that I
cared in the least for any of
the very gentlemen like Mr
Ed Johnson & to another I
have heard from him - no
I have not yet. Gory had a
letter from him & Gory this
afternoon - I have not
written to Fannie yet
yet but I have not the direct

— on. I have little a no
need to tell you Mary ex-
pects Frank & Eliza who is at
St. Charles Mountain Springs.
A. J. wants me to come & spend
the month of August with her
& I expect we shall be packing
stick for New York in the last of
August. Frank it be feared
I shall go. They have their horses
& carriages out there & a cottage
where we will. I am sure in
hard work & I expect to
be there through August but
the St. Pauls Lady School
will for the lady school.
Write soon. I go to night
write soon. I can direct
your letters to me there. The
Claytons are in love to both
of you. Love you self —

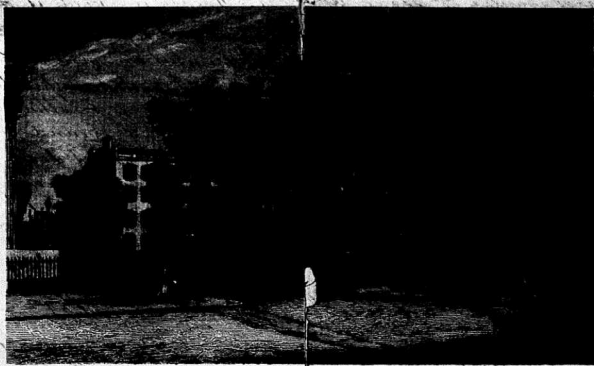
Now Mary Jane I not comply
with your wish & answered you
letter very soon. Now do not fail to
do as you would be done by you
self following the golden rule
& answer this letter as you
do not fail to get them. The letter at
the letter are private & confidential
But I am sure why she does
not answer my letter is
the reason I have not written
the letter is because I have so
much to do - I am very busy
and I take them up for the
day. Having now nothing
more to write I shall be obliged
to close this interesting epistle
with some few lines
attached find it
yours truly
Mary Jane

HENDRICKS, SARAH VIRGINIA

Emma Willard School Archives

To Brother
1853 December 4?
ALS

Biography - Sallie was a native of Benton, Mississippi. She was born on Oct. 21, 1828 and attended TFS from 1835-1836. Her parents were John Middleton Hendricks and Susan Janet (Bull) Hendricks. John Hendricks was a prominent attorney in New Brunswick, NJ before moving to Mississippi. Sallie married German Nicholas Jordan in 1856 and they lived at "Tallula" in Issaquena County, Mississippi. Sallie had two sons and two daughters, none of which had children, according to one source.



My dear sugar plum brother,

December 25th 1853.

Though you never have
 answered my letter I thought it would not matter if
 I would write again. I received a letter from Sister Ann
 a few evenings since; it was her first and was of course
 highly prized. It is very dull in Troy indeed, all the
 news that reaches me is what I receive from home.
 I can tell you it is very cold here you may depend.
 It snows one day, and as soon as it is melted then
 comes a rain and so it is all the time. I say give
 me the warm and sunny South in preference to
 the North. There is not a green leaf to be seen any where
 the snow and frost come like swords cutting every thing
 as they approached, every thing looks as though the sun

was wanted to shine upon it. Though our school is of
course flourishing. I caught a slight cold a few days since
on account of the change of weather, but am now entirely
well with it and feel as well as ever. I try to be as prudent
as possible, indeed it is impossible for me to be otherwise
for there are two nurses, always swimming around to
see to the girls. The other day I started to go out door
without my rubber coat and happened to meet one of
them and she turned me back and followed me
to my room till she saw me put them
on. Viola & Nellie are unwell. It is just as fat
as you ever saw any one. Nellie has thin hair and has
turned very ugly indeed. She seems to turn ugly
faster than any one I ever saw but slides very hard,
if she is like me, cares no more for beauty than a
stone. I do believe you would not know me, I am so
much larger than I was when you saw me.
Last night when I went to bed, the first thing I
knew she had ^{it} ^{turned} as on the floor so you may judge
if that how fat I am. I have not heard from home
for more than a month, and say she don't care
now whether they ever write to her or not. I think
generally speaking they have been very good about
writing to me, you have seen about the lagging
of my for you have only written once. Christmas
will soon be here. Do write and tell me when you
will spend it, and if there are to be any ^{large} ^{managers}
in your town, though I think there are quite a number
taken place already.

I hope you will like since she has
become so conscious wife, quite a grand lady I
suppose. When are Mr. Shillyhang and his beloved
wife residing? Give my love to Mrs Smith
whenever you see her, to Mrs King & the three Mrs.
Pickette. Has Mary P. gone to Kentucky to school?
I want to write to her and did not know where
she was. I do think this is the longest paper I ever
saw. I will give you it, I'll be glad.

I must bid you good day.

Your affec sister

Sallie

P.S. I hope you will be as I desired never
write to Nellie again. She is very kind and
good to me seems to love me very much indeed.
I cannot have a good opinion of her again.
though everything she said about you she did
without any bad meaning. Soothe you may make
me your confident and you may be assured
that whatever you tell me will be safe, so do not
be afraid to tell me any thing in the world that
you would call a secret. Give my love to father and
all my many for it, also to the negroes.

write soon

Sallie

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SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Edward
1854 March 3
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Miss Mary L. Ligon
Free Academy

Long N.Y.

New-York Jan^y 3rd 1834

Ma chère Cousine

We rejoice, and are happy
to say, are fully recovered from the effects of the quar-
ant and to reply to my last 12. I will tell thee
I am now 1-1/2 years older, & say to her that I am exceedingly
sensible to her kind and affectionate of the Last. P. M. and then
if advice, I have been waiting a long time in hopes
to hear from you in answer to my last written

I hope your not wanting in consequence of writing
 at the end of an attempt to answer it? I think
 there would be no particular note, promising you you can
 leave it wanting it, may say, "an not a to servant-
 interest." I suppose you are looking forward to the
 time of your vacation, and are working away at
 your books, with brighter hopes, and a shut of spirit
 must which you hope to realize and touch some future
 day. You have my best wishes, that you may be
 able to realize them in full, and not one, would con-

g. I like you more warmly than I. Mr. P. was
here a short time since and made us a short
visit on their way home from Westchester Co. where
they had been to attend the wedding of Miss M.
Wright. I believe you have seen her, have you
not? A fine lady, the essence of Gentleness
some 20 years older than he self, but said to
be a fine woman, with a comfortable piece of
length which covers up many imperfections in
some cases, but not all, from illustrations of
stern facts which cannot be denied. The party
went to Brooklyn to and last news from there
was, that they were in a snow bank about 10
miles west of Washington, if that was the case
think they must take the matter cool.

I need not say Maria Weston was at Prof. M's
study in French, and that Kate was at school
in Albany at some Ladies' ^{school} there. Do you know any
thing about the course of studies they have been
through? I think if Martha has been able to com-
plete a thorough English education by this time

He deserves much credit. I never have seen or
heard of his receiving any diploma or having
any large medals awarded to him as a mark of
being particularly accomplished in any one branch of
science. He & I had have gone to Albany so far,
so it came that Mr Foster had taken possession
except to him and make follow on.

I was in the City (N.Y.) on Monday night last
saw the Dr & Margaret they were in good ap-
-pear-ance the Dr has lately returned from his tour
-up: they enquire of his you, but could not report
anything new, not having received anything of news
from you in a long time. On my way home on the
-road yesterday afternoon, I stopped at Cortland Falls (N.Y.)
(H.V.R.) to attend a party which came off
the same evening. It was a small party only 12
given by a young Lady by the name of Barlow
with whom we became acquainted with, quite many
by, we had a fine time and a very pleasant com-
-pany. I was alone, and wish that you could
have been along. The company was very desirable

and every thing perfect off too the satisfaction of all.
Among the ladies there was a Miss and a Miss
Miss, a Miss I think you have
heard of a part of her. She is a Lady for the present
follow. There is a Cousin of mine to be married in
hundred days. Miss to be married. She is to marry a
gentleman from the Sandwich Islands, but formerly
from the native house. What is more she is going
there too soon what do you think of such an as-
surance as that? I think there must be some strong
inducement to be set out to her, to induce her to accept
of such an offer. I have seen the gentleman, was in
London to his some time since, he is rather a fine
looking man, he is doing business at Honolulu.
There is talk that some of the best of the West will
visit him while in Coll. but you going to be visiting the
opening summer? I believe it is the time yet, but we
must be told the time, whether I will be able to bring away
out the place this season, coming I'm not there, but will
in the spring, a long way for winter. I do not know
but I intend to visit. Very this spring, it is about 9
months since I was at Albany, during your vacation
we would be happy to have a visit from you. Remember
me to the Dr and Eliza & give my love to Venetia. I think
Cousin Corolla, the aunt, & Martha send love to you
and Martha says she would like to have been your wife.
She she would do so but that she has got a deep the
most to finish time. I would be happy to hear from you
as often as you can find leisure.

Yours Cousin Maria
John Lewis Edwards

SNEDEKOR, Mary Emma Willard School Archives
To Louisa Cunningham
1854 April 29
ALS

This is a farewell note with advice.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Long Fern, Conn.
April 25, 1846

My dear Friend,

A happy greeting
is lying before you - a blank paper
before me. In a few moments and
my paper will be filled with dark
and heavy strokes, and in a few
hours your heart will be
filled with light and sunny
strokes. - Louisa; I am afraid
after mingling with your own

dear friends, you will forget your
Daguer school-mates. But if
you condescend to cast over
passing thought upon us, think
of your friend Mary, in her low-
backed chair, showering Stewart.
If it were not against I would
wish you back again for many
of your notes will cheer you -
You asked if I would write you
a Farewell note. What shall I
say? Louisa will you write to me?
I think I have the rocks - No! I
shall have no time. Allow me
to give you a little advice -
"Run early - Eat plain
food - Study the Character of

St. Paul, as your model. Read
no novels! Let your words be
few especially among young
gentlemen - Beware of tall
persons that flatter you! Heave!!
Among the many notes you have
to send this will only be glanced
at - so I will bid you a long
adieu - but we will hope not
the last - May love, joy and
peace hover around you:
and many Angels shine for
you a wreath of immortality -
your loving friend,
Mary Anderson -
Miss L. Cunningham -

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Edward
1854 May 11
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Contains personal and family news.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Darwin to Mr. Smith
May 16

My May Letter
[my letter]

From N.Y.

Exposure 1841
[my letter]

London May 11th 1844

My Dear Cousin, (that is, Mr. Smith)

I am very kind & delighted to
read last evening, along with a heap of other letters
from all quarters of the country of correspondence
containing much interesting news. Some of my
acquaintances are to be married, besides C. & Martha
in or before the 1st of June. C! I am so glad that
matrimony is not contagious, that would become
of you and D! C. & D. I dare its not. C! C. & D.
I am so glad (I mean) for D. & C. — I wish
them to be so. Only think of the pleasure of
married life being anticipated by Cousin Martha
and how well prepared to realize the happy life.
It is a wonder that every one does not say "man
who is to be so fortunate as to get your Cousin
for a wife I hope at the expiration of the
happy marriage will be ready to receive the 4

had not been told them. I saw the pattern cut
I infer that he is a sub possessing latent of gold.

They have my best wishes for the enjoyments of
future life, and may the blessings of Heaven be up
on them, through life which may be as bright
as a June morning after an evening thunder storm.

A great Country thus particularly rich weed, where
their "humble" or poor. Blessed land of the good thing
hollowed of song. These thousands believe of people, and
mysterious thousand and some that are not as big as
men — ish than big. Either the Deleter or dear
men to be perfectly, unrestrained, with the sound of the
word "man". You may be ready to say with an other
Lady who was tempted to taste of the joys of that big
ful state. Alas! I am no more. As for some remembrance
having been with secret more than "monie" dear,
Voy the any some remembrance dear one young. As far as my
experience extends (it being my best) I should give
the preference to young dear, particularly the secret
heart for secret of the heart. Yours is a regular
well known argument on the clans question

even grow here I fear the wind would be equal to the
thorn (which is very heavy). It is raining like "Hoggs",
a ~~profound~~ ^{profound} ~~repression~~ ^{repression} rather do I wish to be the latter.
You did not state whether Gents were or proposed as to
be present at the party given by Mrs. P. to the young
Ladies. I would like very much to have been present,
to have had an ~~eye~~ ^{eye} to my Cousin, if Gents were admitted
I presume there was no lack of protectors, the being pre-
-parately for the party to be given "next week" (which I mean)
where that is, there is no doubt too her side & seems to be
for the benefit of our other class. (Which I suppose)
the "be a d-e-e-t-o" "where" he? I do not wonder they
were not admitted at the "young Ladies" party for
partying from the side of the men, they must be some-
thing large. What is the price of admission? and what
is the "propose"? "Ha! ha!! ha!!!" I wish I had been
present at the "thorn" to have seen Gents, since then
with the wisdom and the enthusiasm left the women (or
he is not worthy of the title judging from how many
his own) Ladies deserve credit for one thing, that
is as to avoid, unless but in repeating them I think

Cousin why do you not ask me to give you a description
of my friend's ~~habits~~ ^{habits} why don't you get me another lady

11, is very impudant. It was perfectly useless to
leave a wrong horse and go to see much full
said in the year of such a breed as blowing of
that time. The result was lost of the greatest of it.
The main object, it was hurry she was not more in
junct in her surrounding grass, she will know
what to do with time, leaving disappointed in a
blue sea horse is not so bad as a wrong stranger.
I could relate a similar scene, but will defer it to some
future time. Reminds in a recall to lose not scale.
So we caption of was enjoying the time of the Photo of
I would an other side. Stop on top of spring has come
I wanted fast. Springing time has come of last to close.
Common clima climax all night and wildly climax
and go home before the morning. Yet Common the old
firm looks just as good as new. The flowers are out
in full bloom in the garden, and the birds sing in their
all new notes. I wish you would come and spend a long
time with us and if Saline thinks she would enjoy a trip
to the Land of study h. h. h. and the mountain before
and come down during your vacation. By that time we
will have a plenty of roses. I took a bouquet of white
flowers to a sick friend that other day that Hornis
got there in the woods. The and George to smoke his
went out for a short walk and returned with the
prize

Cousin, why are you sad? the last time I saw
you I thought you a fair specimen of health.
I hope you have not striven too hard, if you
contract a disease which will be an affliction
of years and perhaps through life. I should feel
very much disappointed to hear such was the
case really. But perhaps the old's visit may
result the same as in an other case of one of
my Cousins. All is well that ends well.

I visited Uncle Robert's home last week, found
Cousin Carrie in the midst of a revolution (house
cleaning). I called there on my way to Phipps
and staid all night. Cousin had no recollection
of the time she was same in the I told her when I
was. I recognized her at the first sight. She
had grown very much. Could she make you
think of Aunt Mary's Gold? her manner was
very I think the same. But Cousin, she is not a
very bad girl, what I saw, was perfectly proved
by all around. I found things in a very different

state from what I expected. Uncle & Cousin brother
are very friendly, much more so than those I
ever mention. I found that Carrie had met with
a great misfortune, the loss of her brother, she (if her
own account) gave me a sketch of her life, and in
truth I felt a deal of sympathy for her, she needs
very much the advice of some Lady friends. I shall
know more of her, little it be better or worse. She
has a pretty good collection, is quite a Lady even
in her circumstances. she like me she never but
little of her Greenback friends, except those she has
seen lately. Maggie Solida writes to her as she
lives on, she suggests often you very particularly
when I tell her we correspond occasionally
and expressed a desire to know and see more
of her friends, but I have now on but Father and
with me, and it is difficult for him to find time
to leave home. The worst made things look and
are lonely. How unfortunate it is for a child to
lose its mother while young. this is a sad story of
ours, and I think the people portable to much of it.

nation. Cousin Allen I found the same as you
(he is another that makes friends, I think, from what
he says) "He is a miracle among men whom
little can write & friend. Such is my opinion
though I think I have a few (and only a few) from
and honestly are such, and I think I am very the
same in nature. The sun has just shone out on
my paper, with all the warmth and brightness
of a spring morning, as if it's encourage me in
my sentiments. But never to despair in dark hours
to try on in that which seems the best way and
by and by, we shall know as I remain, brighter
days. My father John seems to have a wish to
know some of my epistles. I am sure I do not see
why they should interest him, all missing, of course
I properly delivered. I am though my style of writing
particularly interesting. It may be to some, all I ask
from of my letters is that you dispose of them in a proper
manner. There is of course I wish you to give me, to
have your day, and type letter for me so that I may
have it when I come to New York (which will be in about

Y^{rs} Cousin Edward
J. S. Mayfield Hermit on slaves about some letters
you and them; they write (as well as Proth) are to
be hermit, then love E. H.

I am writing
 you my
 letter to
 submit to
 the committee
 of the
 Congress
 of the
 United States
 of America
 in the
 year
 1861

Why I thought you fond of looking after was I suppose you to be a Lady assembling the majority of your sex, when on force of your things are inferred from the fact that it might be the case with you, trusting this effluvia will be satisfactory to your Ladyship (with our own sails)

à Mademoiselle Chapuis *Armand Edouard*

à Mademoiselle Chapuis *Armand Edouard*

HENDRICKS, SARAH VIRGINIA
To Father
1854 May 22
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Biography - Sallie was a native of Benton, Mississippi. She was born on Oct. 21, 1828 and attended TFS from 1835-1836. Her parents were John Middleton Hendricks and Susan Janet (Bull) Hendricks. John Hendricks was a prominent attorney in New Brunswick, NJ before moving to Mississippi. Sallie married German Nicholas Jordan in 1856 and they lived at "Tallula" in Issaquena County, Mississippi. Sallie had two sons and two daughters, none of which had children, according to one source.

Long Branch, New Jersey
May 12th 1857.

My loving father.

It is Sunday afternoon & after finishing
out that there was no letter still for me. I have given up all
hope of coming home again. I have been very much
troubled for several days about you & very rest less
ever letter for me. Now a great deal has caused me to think
you certainly are unwell; for never before have half so long
a time elapsed without your writing to me. Indeed
I feel quite sure of it about you.
My mind has been in quite a state as regards your
coming, with the view in this connection. I have been
ever with you I certainly will go very far I want to see
you & sometimes have felt at my second apartment.
The air is generally feeling quite healthy but there are
now a few cases of measles in school. I had them - your
remember during the time. I attended school for a while
but soon if I were to have them here there are enough
measles here to take care of a thousand people. Now for
I know would be so kind to me as any one else. The
world would be for the purpose to think. He would not all of
the time. I am sure. Mr. Willard is not a house at
present. He has been with the Spring. But no farther than Va.
He visited Wm's parents in Richmond but did not reach
the good old state of Va. He is now under the care of
Dr. Willard & what better person could be to make
for the is so good that I want tell you how I have been.
The weather is perfectly charming & we are all very well &
want you much love. I remember me kindly to your
son Charles & to my sweet sister & my brother-in-law.
Tell the servants all kindly to be sure to bring me your
loving from daughter.

Grand P. Willard.

Write to me so as to write me a long letter too.

HENDRICKS, SARAH VIRGINIA

Emma Willard School Archives

To Father
1854 May 26
ALS

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My dear Mother
May 28th 1874.

My loving father.

I have been contemplating writing
to you for several days but have not felt entirely able to
write now for I have been quite unwell & have felt
very hot all day but feeling much better to night
concluded I would try & write. I can't say exactly
what was the matter with me for it was a pretty
mystery. A little cold & one or two kinds of sickness
at the stomach. I will keep my bed no longer but
will get up & go to studying the same as ever.
Don't be alarmed for if I'd of been at home
I soon would thought more of going to school
home & boarding school is quite different especially
in case of sickness. They are all so kind to
me as possible but you know father there is no
place like home. I told you in my last
that there was some few cases of measles in
our school but am happy to say they have
entirely disappeared. I received a letter from
Mary Brown on yesterday which was my

first for more than a month from any one.
She tells me they have had them regularly, and
then formerly & that formerly I shall have
them at school & has been quite so of ever
since. I then I want to see you so much
that I am almost weeping. I presume it
will not be worth while to write
you but one or two more letters
as you will have known before they
can reach you. The girls are all well
& we all send you much love. This
is the first time that I have been the
least indisposed since I had you
the last time but will be certainly well
in a day or two. I will now bid
you good night & accept much love
from your ever loving daughter
Sarah & Elizabeth.
Write to me soon my sweet father.

HENDRICKS, SARAH VIRGINIA

Emma Willard School Archives

To Father
1854 May 30
ALS

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Long Street
Aug 25th 1849.

My dear father

After acknowledging the receipt of
your highly interesting letter which reached me in the second
week of this month I am emboldened to say
that since I have been writing nothing has been
more truly welcomed than it was for could there
be any other necessity than otherwise about you
but immediately felt relieved & satisfied.

To find that you are enjoying fine health & in fine
spirits is a great comfort to one who is so
far away from you. But what if I said more than
all is the idea of your coming to see me. Oh! dear
father you can't imagine how happy it makes me
think of it. It seems as though I shall devote your
with care & pleasure. Do come quick but express
me for saying you are much about it but if you trust
my feelings you will make all allowances.

I remain, as before, yours affectionately
Dr saying you had been a little unwell for a day
or two but was pronounced then convalescent. I hope

I am well and I will not allow it to be any more
between you and me, so write to yourself.
I am in splendid health & so is every body as far
as I know. Pity P. & S. little son, little and
good enough, but all hoping to see you soon.
I presume that we shall go before the 15th
and you have heard of the celebration Monday
in the City but as to what her name is I was
not able to tell you as she gives in so many
different ones. I would give you the whole circum-
stances but think as it is so long that when
we meet I will tell you all about it &
move on other things I have to tell you
also. I write you only a day or two since
I am now expecting a letter from you as
I am quite anxious to know how you and
Mr & Mrs W. send their best respects to you &
are in fine health. Give my love to all
black & white. Tell Aunt Harriet that
we only two more short years & then I will
see them all. Tell Maria Ann Peters
Aunt Polly Aunt Letty Collins Alice &
Jimmy I often think of them I would

little to mention all their names but find
it inconvenient but I think of them all.
I will see you good night my love (Papa)
I will write again soon.

God bless you in your night I will
patiently wait for it. Tell me your
most loving child

P.S.

Sarah.

I will write to Sir Charles Dr. tomorrow
if nothing happens to prevent it. Tell him to write.
Write me soon & a long long letter.

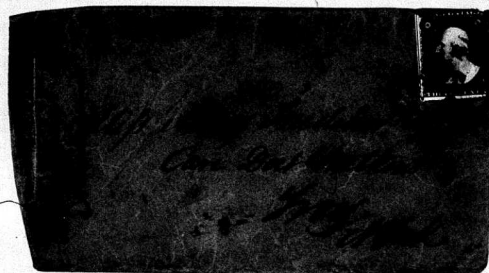
Sarah.

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From T. R. Ely
1854 November 8
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Mr. Ely is planning to make arrangements for Annie [his daughter] to say at Mrs. Willard's. Annie Ely was Mary's classmate at TFS (1854-55) and a resident of Marianna, Florida, where Mary's family had a second home.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.



New York, Nov 1854
St Michael Hotel

My dear Miss Mary
Your kind letter & came
duly to hand some days past on
night I immediately sent my card to tell
her at the Washington Place but
as yet have not had the pleasure of
seeing her person. She could not
have got it, and expecting daily to
hear for they caused my silence we
expect to be ready to hear Wednesday
or Thursday we will write you a day
before hand. And you may expect us
Dear shopping with them & showing
her places & have some cousins in
Brooklyn who we have to visit what
delightful things they are full of
at how much they have in the
way of not seeing you. Mr. Schmitt
in his looks as charming as ever
I have not lost his acquaintance

but he still is formidable for
of mortality. However during the long
passage a Hall of the Hotel, which
is pleasant with her trip & if I can
only get comfortable quarters for
her I will stay with William & leave
you for her you good address & speak
during her stay at this I am sure
I will console her most by last.
Must I have letters from him all
still & send lots Love to you I
am sure for which it is to be
speech of paying you a visit
when he gets to be able to write
will be in June. I will not go further
as I must keep my back for myself
& not put it on paper, now this would
not do. I will say if I was young &
a single ^{person} to be seen by others, never
mind I'll talk you enough when
we meet & you see it for the first
I am to you all ^{your aff. friend}
W. C. C.

P.S.

I must say that Mr. Hoffman is a great
one on our side & that for Paris where
he has been all summer that he is
much better & that he is left last
week without my being here. Mr. Moody
& that are here for the whole of it.
Can't you come down & go up with us
I shall be delighted to have you as my
guest here for a few days, let's have
a reply this do come, can't you

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Sallie C.
1855 ?? 8
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Reminiscences of life at Troy Female Seminary and personal news.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Saturday 8-1852

My dear, my darling man -
What was my
delight a few weeks ago on arriving
at home from Longsville, to find a
kind, good letter waiting me, from
my dear friend Maria, my dear friend
and sister.

You cannot imagine with how
much pleasure it is that I hear from
any of my Christian friends -
The reminder as I look back upon it
seems like a little world in itself.
We in did have some fine times here.
We enjoyed the talks in the rooms at
Lusk, Wednesday afternoon readings,
the Saturday afternoon meetings.

the bacteriologist & Entomologist, upon the
outings, the 1st & 2nd outings - see
other outings, the water thermometers,
the camp, cleanings and studies in
the woods, the analysis of insects, the
birds, the composition of woods & study
rooms, the other outings, the 3rd & 4th outings.
1892, 1893 -

Nor shall I spare myself to hear
 some news & have enjoyed myself
 to the authorities here to take leave
 for the next year. I beg to say that
 as you think of your friends & friends in
 life. So you must think me a selling
 down? & am going to lead to the
 sole purpose of improving myself in
 Geography, Mathematics and Grammar.
 These are the only branches of study

I have just returned
from a visit to Sanjeville - the place
where Charlie Goodall lives - I
went out a buggy riding with
him the evening before I came
away - after riding a long way

and chattering, we stopped talking. Well! thought I, I don't keep quiet as long as you, but finally I asked him of what he was thinking, when he said, "the burden of my thoughts lately were whether I might ever tell you of my love, and whether I might hope ever to win any of you in return - now I knowed more right up, and told him I would hear - no more. He asked if he might speak to me again, my reply was - never on that subject. Three months passed and I have received a letter since - but to all I of course say, no no - and refused until he wrote to tell, how shelter or not I loved another - So we think me wicked, I have not been so -

Please Mary when you write
tell me all about your love affairs.
I shall most certainly take an
interest in them

I intend writing to Hattie
tomorrow. I am sickened not to
have written to her before -
Now Mary please write
and tell me every thing -
Much love to Mrs. Weston and
Bill and a large share for your
self -
Your chum -
Hattie - C.

SNEDEKOR, Mary
To Carrie
1855 February 24
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Mary writes of a concert at Troy Female Seminary and a new scholar. She mentions courses she is taking.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

May - Feb. 24, 1888.

Do you remember Fannie, we
were promised, that we would
answer each others letters, if we
had only to say. I am well and
hope you are the same. I am
afraid this will be all I can say
to night, but the spirit moves me
to answer the letter of my dear friend
Fannie & I shall scintillate it -
I suppose while I sit here in my
chamber, you, with Lillie Goodwin,
are in the parlor chattering to the
favorites or favored young guests.
Give my love to Lillie - you say she
has been visiting Miss Fannie Morgan.
Is it Fannie Webb's cousin? I used
to be some acquainted with her -
There was a fine concert at the house
two weeks ago - promised to be a

brilliant affair - I really think Madame
Chiffonni superior to Bontay -
Lilly Bell and E. Bultz had been left
school - and they are indeed very
much - I received a letter from
Miss Jessie Ely last week & she
spoke of having enjoyed herself
very much at your house last
summer - Miss Merrick is
in New York waiting Mrs. Bakerson.
Have you ever heard from Mattie
Burden? We have a new scholar
at the Sem. Miss Chandler, author
of "His Part & the Other", have
you ever read it? Do you read
much Carrie? I have just finished
Miss Smith's Life Drama - It
contains many beautiful com-
parisons I think - You ask me
how I enjoy young ladies life:
Oh Carrie! I know not what it is;

as yet I am a school-girl - and I have
made up my mind to pass cheerfully
from school books to old maidhood,
without ever thinking of that happy
period young ladies life - But Carrie,
perhaps you can save me from this oblivion
by sending me one of your best off
admirers - I am studying German,
French, Music, and Shakespeare at the
Sem. but I do not board there - Carrie,
do study German, you cannot think
how much you would enjoy it -
There are many fine ideas to be gained
from German writers - Do you
not think you will visit me this summer
Carrie - I should like much to know
you - I am going to New York this
Spring to stay a few days, & I shall ^{certainly} ~~call~~
call & see you - Carrie I have been reading
Harriet Jones - and it has converted
me into a matter of fact girl -

Consequently my letter is another
of fact - You must excuse it - and
hope for the better - and the
script-note I write you. if you
think this worthy of reply. ^{shall} ~~shall~~
~~with~~ ⁱⁿ ~~matter of fact~~ contain
dry say positions and propositions.
But - I cannot let this paper
separate us without giving you a
bit of sage advice - I would advise
you not to break too many hearts -
or let too many think you a rose
without thorns. - (When at last one)
has assigned you a place among the
constellations. ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{make} ~~make~~
you a five star. Consider well -
~~it will make your life a~~
Macedonian Paradise. ^{your} ~~your~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{make} ~~make~~
Your friend,
J. P. Taylor - ^{W. H. H. H. H. H.} ~~W. H. H. H. H. H.~~

SNEDEKOR, Mary Emma Willard School Archives
From Annie G. Franklin
1855 March 24
ALS

Annie attended Mrs. Mears's French and English Boarding School and she urges Mary to go there before her trip to Europe.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Ben. West, Clerk. Dec. 2, 1800.
22 East Fifth Street N. Y.

2. *Thy. laticauda* n. sp.

The current just became too swift for me to use a "board" and would not allow sufficient time for making a stroke to work. I have been on the water weeks at this season, but it is not until within a week. I have never been very much acquainted with the "harbour" being said. I thought I was in a fine bay for all means of work this morning. At the afternoon school in New York, I saw the water was used to perfect. When I left the school, it was a magnificent view to the sea, but the sea felt over a height of four which was approximately 100 feet to contain a "harbour" from the "harbour" or for a small "harbour". I was in between, and placed under the use of this "harbour", with the sea in front and past the sea, and the sea. On arriving at Chambers Street, we took a carriage as I found no one to meet me, with I alighted at the Boston Store, where I learned that he had gone to Third Street, expecting to find me.

Dear Sir, The various houses of foreign & domestic commerce
are situated in the place as such having
found me at the hotel they had given me leave
for the day. Please give me time to sit over here
at home. When you write direct to the care of Miss
B. Astor Esq. New York and I shall expect a letter
from you very soon here. I hope that you
entirely forgive the apparent neglect of.

Yours affectionate friend,
Samuel C. Franklin.

SNEDEKOR, [M.?] Elizabeth
From Belle
1855 December 9
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Eliza describes the cities and sights seen while traveling in England and Scotland.

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Oct. 10, 1844.

My dear Sir,

I received your kind letter of the 10th inst., and in reply to inform you that I have no objection to your using the same for the purpose of the same.

I should have thought you would have had a printed line at the bottom, but as you were not so taken with it (as at least one of its writers) as to make it more like a letter, and as I don't think it would do it, I will not do it, but I will give you the right to copy it.

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to give you a little notice of all,
that is to do with both and it
was long since and as you are
to, I don't want to see it. I have again
and remember. I don't often always
have been "jays" at home and travel
about.

Don't let me see any thing about
anything. When I see, at the hotel, I
let you see it. I have had some most
have had a delightful time at Dr.
Lorenson's, the "Lorenson" must
have been, when they are wandering
home? You asked me if I didn't not
every year visit to the White House,
Oh dear, do you think I would be quite
of such a dreadful sick. I don't feel
as little as I do. I do like to be
in your place, and perhaps I will
in two years, I will it not be
delightful if I can? Have you seen

anything of Annie yet? and do
tell me what you have done with
them have you not been, or sent
her home, or what have you
done with her? I have you
not spoken of her? Helen and
Katie are very anxious to know.
I do not wish to run on my own
account at all. The girls & their
love to you and all.

John
Fowler called on Eliza last week she
said she saw you in New York, Eliza
said she was dressed "to kill".
He showed all of your letter, the note
from Sister Pelt also. Uncle Anderson
received a letter from John, with your
photo, it was a beautiful letter.
I saw Lisa Taylor, she came up
from New York with Sister Pelt,
she felt very sorry she did not know

you were there & I was
called on you.
The new course is
describing a course of lectures at the
Lecturing room, upon Electricity,
I expect to become such a splendid
teacher that I can read your
composition at examination
next summer. We are going to
have a concert two weeks from
last Saturday, don't you wish you
were here that night? I have written
about fifty or sixty letters to
be given to the students, hope you will
be here to hear them.

Carrie Howe has
made a visit since you left
expecting you from the other side.
Dick Sherwin has been very sick since
he was at Chicago with the firm, the
doctor gave him up, but he was better
the last time we heard from him.

About Patti went down to New York
with Carrie, stayed a week had a
splendid time, called on Mrs. Knapp,
Victoria, Leticia, and every one else.
My father, was dressed in flowers
and had gold chains and beads,
at nine o'clock in the morning, came
in. He has a new gold ring
and a new watch. He told me
the women here do not go to
work, then said Patti introduced Carrie
the next day - yes - it is
Carrie. I did not see any-
thing here, said Patti said that
but she would have asked to see
my room but the room was not
in order, she had only just got up
that was about all she said except
that if she was coming back to dinner

Dear Friend was absent at the
 school. The Kenick and Relations
 are very angry at you for not letting
 them know you were in the city.
 Maria said you must be sure and
 write to him and inform Peter
 and you must be sure and listen

I am going
to correspond with Carrie Sherwin, &
Mr. Lee says much, she is in
the same jail as you southern
would not it, I am going to spend the
holidays at Pleasant, I have been
written to remain up there, I can report
a delightful visit.

I have been very
satisfied with your L^{ts}. have finished
the other two volumes and which are
beautiful ones, almost perfect in every
part. The new ones, one double bound
one the other single with adjoining covers
N. Y. I put all the advertisements of

I have been in London so long since I
 have to tell you how much I love you. I
 wrote in my letter you must
 not think anything of it for as
 Patti is "singing" now, "stand-
 ing" and has had the "Veni-
 cian" National Register sent her
 and "The Star" and "The
 Times".
 Do you remember
 how I told you that I was to go to W.
 I thought her only letter was
 about the time that night
 when she was it not awful?
 I had the little twenty British gold
 piece I gave her to have in the
 pocket, I thought I would send it to
 you. Now Patti is going to sing
 to "Charming" and send you the
 money for a note for a and Patti
 was in your letter from Raleigh
 last evening.
 You my word and her
 and now Patti and now I hope
 now I hope sent the old letter.

SHEPPARD, JANE
Jane Woodruff Sheppard
1856 September 12
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Jane's first letter home from TFS relates her impressions of the seminary. She describes courses, food, and her room. By studying diligently, she hopes to complete the course of study in one year. Jane also tells the story of Mrs. John Willard's origins. She mentions Miss Hudson and students, Miss Wilkins and Miss Kellogg.

Jane was the daughter of Charles C. and Jane Woodruff (Bradley) Sheppard of Penn Yan, NY. She attended the Franklin Academy in Prattsburg, NY and Miss Thurston's School in Elmira, NY. She was a student at TFS from September 1856 to June 1857. In 1860, Jane married William Patteson. They had four children: Charles Sheppard Patteson, William Morris Patteson, Robert Anderson Patteson, and Louise Patteson Sheppard (adopted by her maternal grandmother upon Jane's death). Jane died in 1876 in Chicago.



John C. C. Sheppard
Rumson
Catskill Co
St. G.

My dear Mr. Sheppard - I am perfectly discouraged
and heart sick - I don't know what you
intend as to come to and me here -
but of one thing I am convinced -
although there has not been a single
recitation, and that is, that this is a
very successful and superior school -
and as another thing I am quite
confident, which is that I can not
graduate this year, without studying
very hard, which I fear I have not

Sunday, Sept. 12 1886

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and heart sick - I don't know what you
intend as to come to and me here -
but of one thing I am convinced -
although there has not been a single
recitation, and that is, that this is a
very successful and superior school -
and as another thing I am quite
confident, which is that I can not
graduate this year, without studying
very hard, which I fear I have not

the strength to do - although Miss Hudson
when she examined and classified me
yesterday, told me that I could graduate
this year without difficulty - but those
young ladies that have been before, say
that we will have to study constantly
if we do graduate - so what shall I
do? If you are willing, I would like
to be here two years - that is, if my
health will admit - and then not
study so hard. But commence right
away taking vocal and instrumental
music, and pay a good deal of attention
to music during the two years
together with French - for I want to
speak French fluently - I have
this term French - Louis Billiard

Mathematical, Natural History, and Chemistry.
The last three are pronounced by the
teachers - very difficult studies and
requiring hard study - in the latter
part of the term, the boys are
presently devoted to Chemistry. We are
obliged to write analyses, abstracts,
and all sorts of essays and dissertations of our
difficult studies - I have written thus far
in quite a gloomy state of mind, but
since writing the above I have had a
long private talk with Miss Hudson,
Miss Villard's sister, who is the principal
teacher, and I told her about my
health, my impatience to study very hard
and my desire to graduate this year if
I could without injury to my health.

she said. I ought to judge from what these
 children, and she said, I doubt but that I
 could, however she would speak to the
 teacher to whom I would write, as that she
 would not be too exacting of me. Don't speak
 of this to any one - for if Edward get my
 dismissal, I should not want to know any one
 think, I did not desire it, for I presume I
 shall as much as any of the class. Would you
 like to know of my room, its accommodations,
 the table, and all other useful things? I
 room in front hall. The table is white,
 and the ventilation comes in - but we have to
 go up and down from the hall getting in our
 meals. But there are not very long flights.
 My room is somewhat larger than John's. It
 shall consist of, first, a bedstead and
 bed, a bureau, side stand, wash stand,
 book shelves, looking glass, then chairs and
 two oil lamps contribute the furniture of
 our room. Each room is capitol in the case
 capitol. Also the bed furnished with
 comforter - one linen and one cotton
 sheet, lined pillow cases, a nice comfortable
 and further and several beds. Very nice for
 boarding school - in fact, I think every thing
 is new, furnished, neat and nice for a Seminary.
 We'll be ready superior - for breakfast
 meat and potatoes, and sometimes pancakes -
 bread and butter, and tea and coffee -
 (good)

for dinner, we have had on different days
 roast mutton, beef and chicken ~~potatoes~~ pair -
 and vegetables, potatoes squash, tomatoes
 turnips and corn - the one makes 142 very
 day. The others in succession: for dessert
 one day, now, the next water melon. and
 today a beautiful baked ice pudding. and
 for supper, bread and butter, cake, such as
 ginger cake one night, and the next
 same. Last night we had steamed pears -
 Everything is cooked well, and tastes good
 and quite home like - I am quite pleased
 with every thing I have seen, and know
 about the Seminary - there are my first
 impressions. But it is generally desired to
 have them favorable - by next week I can
 tell much better in regard to the school
 arrangements - for Monday morning we
 commence recitations, and then I shall be
 delighted - for I shall have something to occupy

my time and thoughts. My roommate is a Miss
Wilkins of the Whitehall. A young lady of
twenty one. a member of the Episcopal
church. and a very amiable pleasant girl.
There is a Miss Kellogg here from Andover
that I like very much. a niece of those
Kelloggs that visit Eben Smith's family -
doublets. Mother, Kate's sister is here. She
thinks if I attempt to graduate the first
year, I will have a dreadful time -
and says that Kate bid to have killed
herself, she studied so hard. But I don't
anticipate any such terrible times, at least
Miss Haden says I need not -
I can not know how glad I am to have
such a nice place to visit as the Brandeville
for I know that I will be home sick
and lonely in a short time. although
I have not as yet. I have but slight attacks
of either affliction, and Mrs Brandeville

and Miss Haden were so cordial, since they
were so glad that I came to see them
immediately - and that they would do
all in their power to relieve the pressure
of a year in school. Mrs H said that
she should send for me every month to
come and spend Saturday and Sabbath
with them, and as often as once a month
or an allowance to go out to visit - Mrs
Townsend her. was very good, said that she
would come to try to see me and being
with her, a cousin or niece. I forget which -
a young lady about my age, and that she
wishes me to visit her as often as possible
in Albany - and should before long send
for me - she wishes me to give you much
love from her the first time. I wrote - I
have not even seen Mrs Booth as yet. Think
Mrs. Haden can not be in the city, or she
would have called upon me. Mrs Wallace

is one of the most perfect specimens of a lady
and woman I have ever met with - she is
really lovely - and to think from where she
came - she, that came to the kitchen, a little
unfortunate ragged girl, to get washing for
her mother - now stands at the table,
furling and darning everything down in
this large institution. Mrs. Willson took
care of her, when she came here as
Kingsfield and brought her in her
own family and educated her and gave her
Willson married her - she is a stately, elegant
woman - you would admire her I know -
the majority of the teachers and scholars
here are Episcopalians. Mr & Mrs Willson are
I think I will attempt to graduate this year -
for they will give diplomas to the young ladies
even if they can not give one recommendation
in the last diploma - but I don't think this is any more
than you have the right to give - but at any rate
you should give out the last few books
and still get no diploma, I don't want any
one to know any thing about it - I am going
to take French - French this year - they have
a very superior since, as Madame Clapham
a retired Quaker Street - she sings elegantly
and I am going to take French, to give out
if I can show it - Much love to all of the
family - Do write soon - It seems a month

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Mr Charles has just called - he has from Mrs S
that I am to be here, and can directly from me
she sent a great deal of love to you and the
I am going to the Church to visit with
her in a few days before she
returns to Baltimore. I will
tell you more about her
next time I
write.

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Fannie
1857 February 17
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Due to illness Fannie cannot take her examinations.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

You have shocked & surprised
some persons & I have not
been able to explain it. I hope
and am prepared to explain
it with the aid of our
friends to you. - Good bye
for now. I think I hope
you will per-ancegulate ex-
amination also to Hope & yes
will tell them to come
& we will go to examination
so as to be present about it
you come too but good
bye. I suppose you will
come with Eggs & you four
will have to be examined

SNEDEKOR, Mary Emma Willard School Archives
From [Nellie N.?] Goodwin
1857 June 27
ALS

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Nellie Goodwin
Teacher at Anna
Willard Seminary



My dear friend
Forg
J. G. L.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 1887

My dear friend, I hope

you are well. I am sure little
it is just the commonest word, and
you can never imagine the pleasure
it gave me to hear from you. I am sure
my friend, I am sure I am sure I
could not refrain from writing you
immediately to thank you, I would
to thank you for writing at all - and to
write you in my writing room.

Truly, dear, I am sure you had
quite forgotten your old friend
Nellie. I am sure I am sure I am sure

just I still recognize a little more
in your manner. The old ones will
for all that has happened to me since
since I was young and old. I am - but I
am it is not to be, without any doubt
could not be so remarkable as I am
I hope, but why would be so much as
discovered - I am left in the future,
that year I spent in religiously joining
and - that of Butler - regarding
"What am I" and from there, and
finally closed the year by saying "I am
I am" a wise & philosophical conclusion,
as it is not - I graduated with the
class of 1841, and that was the end of
my education - and recognition for I was
nearly worn out with study. Last
year I came back to Columbus - then
my school - and the teacher
school, and a greater part of the
year I have been assisting her in
the school - teaching young Southern

what how I shall I have found
a delightful spirit, and have found
many warm, true friends. I like the
South and sometimes am much inclined
to. Had only been the past season
here so late. I am not disappointed
with them, although I see them often.
Dr. Edward Sellars has but just
returned home from Mississippi and
if report is common he is excellent
you must not fall in love with him,
but perhaps you are the more likely
than he to be, how stupid of me not
to think of it. I intend to make
particular enquiries for I am well
acquainted with the family -
Miss Logan Banks the late Mrs. Ann
I have often heard speak of you - she
is the principal caregiver of the school -
and I see her a good deal -
I know you must have enjoyed
your visit in Florida - and I shall

not in confidence. You will be sure
to love!! Now I have written on! I hope
you will pardon my scribbles - and
never mind I'll endeavor to write a
more readable letter. I am sure I
am fast forgetting all my business -
O how so little it is a pity I should
lose any. But you can see well enough
to see some I lost from me - the others
will think I promised in capitally doing
-ing away!

Dearest - Now, what one can
a long, long letter, you do not know how
delighted I should be to hear from you.

I know how you must be in charge
to handle this long letter. In order to
get it done - I am sure with
a "keep" (as they say) of love.

I am sure as of friend

Ellie B. Gordon.


High - Mary Swisher.

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Annie
1857 October 6
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

This letter contains family and personal news.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.


 Mrs Mary Rogers
 Care of Dr. Rogers
 Longo
 New York

4-Home Oct 9 1857
 Cooper, Esq.
 Cottage, 1/2 the way

Mr. Dr. Rogers - I am again
 going to trouble you with one of
 my numerous letters. I hope
 to write you soon. I have
 written you several long letters
 and have not received one. I am
 surprised and a little angry. I am
 obliged to think there is some
 emergency than a pleasant. I am
 sure you thought that you were
 I am always kind with the greatest
 delight to hear of them in the most
 pleasant as good as possible. I am
 sure I will be there - a man
 kind to mention of the best of

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I think I will be glad my Commence-
ment is a reminder to the Good Lord
thinking of it to enjoy his love
addressing him. I have a fine letter
from the College & find that he
wishes you visit. I would again give
me leave to please you of writing, you
at King had such an idea of con-
tinuing on. I thought I would let you
know this - & I am exceedingly glad
of it. I hope you are only what
I have heard of - I hear of you still
springing. I do wish to know the
time of when you leave to Commence
Next coming late the King. Write to
Edward living where that place
and I have been. Good night of
mine. I shall always be
a little different. With united
affection from both saying that

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time of when you leave to Commence
Next coming late the King. Write to
Edward living where that place
and I have been. Good night of
mine. He should always be
a little different. But I wish
a letter from both saying that

[illegible]

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Ned
1858 December 22
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Contains family and personal news from Mary's cousin Ned.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.

Miss Mary C. Suckale

My dear Mary

West Fairfield Dec 22nd 1838

Dear Mary

There must, Mary be a
beginning, so here goes the beginning of
our correspondence, which I hope I may
be able to maintain if I promise to
write to you in the course of a week
and bring a part of my work, so I must
make it good with the Ladies of course.

We reached home in safety the next day
after, we were at Troy, found all well
as we left them; I have been very busy
ever since, so much so that I have not
been from home but once since.

I am expecting to go to New York
about August, and then shall have a
good time; I Friends of mine, and
a Ball ticket, for I like, given about
that time, which I much enjoyed if I can
arrange it so as to be there, it to be

given by the "United Bachelors," which will
be a very nice affair if it is as they
want to be. I have attended 2 of their
parties which were very pleasant, & met
Young Larkins. I have you say, once in
while I think it very pleasant, but to
carry it to such extremes as some
come do, I think I should get tired
of it. I suppose you will receive cards
in it too. I wish I might have the
pleasure of calling on you, though I
do not know but you may consider
your sleep above such foolish parties.
I think it very pleasant indeed, if the
parties was not absurd. I never more
visit any where but in N.Y.C., and
then it is a great day, such a
display of the Ladies make, in the
way of catables. and dogs the best
in particular, some of them look good
enough to eat of; I have seen Sals
in other places that I think could
compete with them for looks if nothing else
and I should hope in any thing if they

could not it would not be much of a
recommendation then I do not think.

Then Cousin Eliza. I have not thought
any body but her since I came from
there, but its of no use so I might
as well give it up, its hard but I
suppose you may think its fair; what do
you think of its Cousin? I wonder what
Cousin Ann says to it? I suppose he
is aware of it long before this; he will
shake many the Sr, and succeed
to them and a happy life, Eliza
anticipates a deal of pleasure in
their tour on the Continent, I hope
they may, for I think Cousin writes
such nice letters; wont it be nice to
read them? if you can get them I
mean;

I hope Cousin you will remember
me in your distribution of Sisters presents
and that will make up for the Philippine
that were to have eaten; but after the
Sr came in I forgot, oh that I had
thought of previous to that, of course I shall

have won it, to my luck in all my games of
chance, I have a chance in the distribution
of the paintings in Carlo-Venice this year,
it took place on Friday evening last but
fortune favored me, I have not
time to get, probably shall know the
results on Tuesday night. Well cousin I
think this will do for a commencement
so good-nights. Give my love to

Uncle and Aunt and Cousin Ambella
By your Cousin Stet

P. S. Aldred

Shannon

Conn

TAYLOR, HENRIETTA S. T.
To Bishop William Rollinson Whittingham
1859 September 19
ALS

Archives of the Episcopal Diocese
of Maryland

Mrs. Taylor requests that the Bishop help her find a teaching position in the South. She is the widow of Rev. Charles C. Taylor who was the rector of St. Luke's Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She states she was educated at Troy Female Seminary. She had been a governess to the Thomas Jefferson Randolph family in Edgehill, Virginia and was in charge of a girls' school in Northampton, Massachusetts. She seeks a position where she can have her 12 year old daughter with her.

Mrs. Henrietta S. T. Taylor to Bishop William Rollinson Whittingham, Sept. 19, 1859

MARYLAND DIOCESAN
ARCHIVES

Mrs H. S. T. Taylor
Rec^d Sept. 27, 1859
Ans^d Sept. 27.

Kalamazoo Michigan
Sept 19th 1859.

My dear and dear Sir,

Though I have not
the pleasure of a personal acquaint-
ance with you, I take the liberty
to introduce myself as the widow of
the late Rev Charles C. Taylor, formerly
Rector of St. Luke's Church in this
place. I am anxious to obtain some
situation at the South as a teacher
either in some school or family
where I can have my daughter
(12 years of age) with me, and where
I can attend Church.

I was educated at Mrs. Willard's
Seminary, Troy, N.Y., and afterwards
spent 18 months as a governess in the
family of Thomas Jefferson Randolph
Esq. Edgehill Virginia. I then
returned to the North and took

charge of a large girls' school
in Northampton Mass. in which
I remained until my marriage.
In addition to the English language
I can give instruction in French
Drawing and painting. If you
should know of any situation
which I could fill with accep-
tance I should be happy to hear
from you. Hoping you will
excuse the liberty I have taken
in addressing you I remain
With much reverence

Yours truly
Henrietta S. H. Hayes.

OTIS, SEMANTHA
To Cousin
1859 October 9
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

Semantha's letter (Oct. 9, 1859) describes the TFS building and grounds in detail. She also describes her bedroom (including light and heat sources). The TFS day begins at 6:15 am followed by: prayers, breakfast, clean rooms, study, dinner, study, walk, and bed at 10 pm. The girls attend Bible lessons on Sunday.

Semantha Otis was the daughter of Harris F. and Paulina Keys (Lapham) Otis. She was born in Danbury, VT and later lived in Manchester, VT. She attended TFS in 1860. Her father served as mayor of Topeka, KS. After teaching for a few years, Samantha married Guilford Dudley of Topeka in 1867. They had a daughter and a son.

Grey Oct 8. 1881

Dear Cousin

I have been thinking that I would write to you every day since I have been here but have not sit down to it until now. Oh! how I wanted to be there to the wedding I presume you had a splendid time didn't you? does it not seem funny to have a sister, & how do you like her? is she pretty? I want when you answer this letter, which I hope will be as soon as you get it, that you should tell me all about it, who was there, and what you had, and everything you can think of. I have been here to School now nearly four weeks but it seems a year, it is quite a pretty place the Seminary is a brick building four stories high, on one side it is surrounded by trees and on the other side there is a yard with a swing and some flowers in it this is the yard which the girls play in, the room I am in is in the fourth story.

in a little room about as big as a good sized bedroom there is a carpet on the floor a bed, a bureau with a lockcase on the top of it, a washstand, and two other stands together with four chairs, in the room there is a small clothespress also off from the room the room is lighted by Gas and warmed by Steam, my room mate is Isaac McDonald's daughter, she is a very pleasant nice girl, she is gone home to stay a little while now so I am all alone that makes me feel rather homesick once in a while I have not been homesick a great deal, Mr. Burnham and Maggie have been down here to see me Maggie stayed one night with me and went home the next day at five o'clock I went down to the Depot with her you cannot imagine anything about how I wanted to go home with her but then I knew that it was not best, it will be only about eleven weeks and I shall be at home Oh! want to be glad though, I study Arabic, French, Grammar

Reading, and Writing and Dancing I have taken three Dancing lessons like at very much indeed our teachers name is Madame Brunet, I take singing lessons of a gentleman by the name of Mr. Gross he is a German, I take Piano lessons of Mrs. Marshall, I have taken three singing pieces, two instrumental, the names of the singing pieces are then you'll remember me, and I can't leave that, and the other is a German song by the name of Baraie, not Baraie the province please though, and the names of the instrumental pieces is Mazurka Polka and the other is an Opera piece, they are all very pretty and quite hard I take a Piano lesson on Tuesdays and Fridays and a singing lesson on Thursday I practice two hours a day - We have to get up here at a quarter past six and go down to prayers at seven and after prayers go down to breakfast then after breakfast I come up and clean out my room and at a quarter past eight study hours commence so I have to study, recite, and practice

from then until twelve, then we have dinner then
after dinner from a quarter past one until half
after four I have to study recite, and practice
again then at half past four we all go to wash
and the teachers go with us. we have to be in
bed at ten o'clock I generally go to bed before that
time, we have to get a little wisdom every Sabbath
and recite it to Mrs. Willard, I attend the Episcopal
Church it is a very nice Church there is an Organ
in it Mrs. Willard gave a party to those that
~~resided on the Seminary~~ the other evening, we had
Lemonade and cake we enjoyed ourselves very much
Give my love to Mary and tell her to write to me
and that I will answer all her letters promptly Tell
Nurse Willson I shall be to your house Saturday time
so he must not feel bad that I am away off down
here where he cannot see me - Give my love to all
and write soon - I am your ever loving Cousin

Samantha D. Allen

P.S. Please excuse this hurried writing, you will
find on a piece of paper in the envelope how to
direct your letters to me.

Samantha

OTIS, MINNIE
To Sarah & Mary
1859 November 20
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

Minnie's letters (Nov. 20, 1859- Apr. 2 1865) are delightfully chatty with family news and confidences to her cousin. The letter dated Nov. 1859 was possibly written before she was at TFS.

Minnie (Mary V.) Otis - There is no biographical information about Minnie. She is listed as a TFS student in 1864 and 1865. Her home is listed as Topeka, KS.

4th Nov. 20-1859

My Dear Cousin

I guess you will think I have waited a good while before answering your letter, and so I have, but I have been kind of busy, and then I have been so much occupied with my studies that I have not written many letters, so I hope you will pardon me. It is the Sabbath to day, I have been to Church once but there is none this afternoon, so I thought I would improve the opportunity that afforded me by scribbling to you. I am not any more homesick than I was at first, I like the place better and better, but then I tell you, I shall be glad enough when the time comes for me to go home, and that will be in only a little over four weeks, just think of it Sarah B. Harrall! Harrah! — want we have a glorious time then, though! Oh! Sarah you don't know anything about how wild I am getting down here, I do not believe you will know me when I come home, but then I guess you would not be very apt to forget me would you? You said in your letter that you went back home with Aunt Lydia and stayed a week now I think that was very smart in you, I would just like to know the reason why you did not take me along with you, but Oh say Sarah let us all go over there this winter

your Good night Dearest Darling, from your loving
Cousin Winnie Ate

I forgot to ask you how Charlie was getting along, is
he up to your house as much as he use to be?

No Sarah

I hope that you will not marry Fannie Williams
before I come home, for I want to attend the wedding, now you
would will you? I havent written a pretty letter though for
Sunday? but I cant help it, it is just as I feel. Winnie

Sunday eve

Dearest Mary

Do you really believe you shall come to Gray to School? I know you would like it here, at least I think you would, for I like it very much, I should be almost tickled out of my wits if you should come, but I'll come to think of it I do not believe I shall come back after this term, for it would be hardly worth the while as we are going to Kansas in the Spring, is not that too bad? this term ends the second of February and the other term commences right off the next day, there is no vacation between them. There is over a hundred boarders here, besides the day scholars and there is over a hundred of them, so you see we have quite a large School. I love my Music dearly, I am taking new pieces all the time, and they are real pretty too at least I think so and I guess you will, how I wish you were down here taking lessons with me don't you? have you learned any new pieces lately? Please write soon and tell me what you busy yourself about and everything else you can possibly think of. Was it not sad that little little Phillips should die? I should think Sarah would be very lonesome indeed now. I hope that you will answer this letter right off & I also hope that you will write a good deal longer and better one than this which I have no doubt you will please excuse this ~~eloquent~~ writing &c. but I am getting sleepy so I guess I will bid

will you? wouldn't we have a grand time though? O! don't you
hope we can? Who teaches your School there this Winter? So, I
you can't imagine how I want to see you. I have got so many things
to tell you. You asked me if I had all the apples and things I
wanted to eat no indeed. I have not had an apple that was fit to
eat, I was going to say this six years. I hope "for pity's sake" you
will save some for me, now don't you eat them all up. Before I
came home, you want will you? it would be just like you to, how
I wish you could have sent one of those peaches to me in a letter but
never mind there is a "good time coming." I guess you will think I
am stowed down here by the way I write. but I am not quite so
have pretty good victuals but I tell you I long for the time to come
when I can have some of your nice warm buckwheat cakes —
Do you really believe that George Cady and Sarah do will make
a match? O! I forgot to tell you that I was going to be married
before a great while. will you be my bridesmaid? but I must stop
this nonsense, I have not got any news to tell you only that I am
mad because I can't see you, please excuse all and write post haste
as soon as you get this letter. Give my very very best love to your
father and to all. I must write a few lines to Mary so I will
close. From your loving Minnie Otis, P.S. Please write a good
long letter and be sure and write soon. Do not take after me but
be good for evil. H.

MCKENNAN, ISABEL
To Tillie B. McKennan
1860 September 25
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

This letter gives great detail about the living quarters, daily schedule, academics, and enrollment. Isabel writes about what she feels is an overly strict school discipline and makes it very clear that she is not happy at TFS.

Biography - Isabel was the daughter of Pauline deFontevieux, whom Mrs. Willard adopted on her trip to France in 1830. She was born in Washington, PA. and attended the Washington Female Seminary before coming to TFS. Isabel entered TFS in 1860. In 1865, she married Geo. M. Laughlin of Pittsburg, PA. They had three children who survived to adulthood: Irwin Boyle Laughlin, Geo. McCully Laughlin, and Thomas McKennan Laughlin. Isabel died in New York City in 1891.

Miss Tillie B. De Remond
Care St. Thos. McKeen an-
Washington
Winnington County
Pennsylvania

If you know how lovely I am you
would write to me often. Love highest.
From your very true friend
- Sep 28th 1881.

Dear Carl:

perhaps you will not like to
write me with to you in this way, but I
thought as I would like to tell you
about the same things. Writing to you, it
perhaps would save a little time for I
have learned to be pretty saving of my time
now. I am sure I have told you of your
dancing. I'll tell you the fun we have a
school teacher he is a great man we
dance every Tuesday & Friday evening &
nearly all the girls in school take lessons.
I suppose you will want to tell me
about my own mother & about the school
& how I like it & so on. I'll in the 1st place
my room. mother's room is like a kitchen
she is a little older than I am but about
the same size & has black eyes & jet black
hair & like her very much. We have a man
in the third hall the 1st one of the nicest
rooms in the house. We have a parson & two
girls & a much older & three chairs & a
big rocking chair & a bed with a white quilt
in our room. Oh yes & a red carpet on the
floor. We have no stove nor fire place for
all the house is heated by steam & we have
gas in every room. All I have to do is just
to stop all side my door & I can get out without
hot & cold water as I want. This house is just

about twice as large as Bushy Stem. I
we have no Chinese in the house (I mean
to come here) they are all over in the world
house as for each it. It is a two story with
house a little way from here & there is a
second passage that leads to it. The rooms
where we sleep are in the middle house.
We have a very nice set of girls here. we have
about 150 & most of them are very good in-
-able girls & think a great deal of me. &
we have over two hundred day schoolers

Thursday morning.

I had not time to finish this letter
the other day so I'll try & do it now.
I study, G. history & French music &
dancing & reading. I like French very
much but my best is to study French
I can't study half as well here as at
home I was at home & if I don't do as well
here as I did at home I can't help it.
I am perfectly miserable all the time
I try very hard to control my feelings but
I cannot. The two weeks that I have
been here appear like three years. I
think it after I had been here a while
& would get to thinking that I would
get used to things & feel better but every
day I feel worse & worse. I have just
cried until I can't cry any more. We are
kept so close here we can't move but we
get a walk. The monitors here are
worse than the officers at Bush

so many have gone that now and
they are. You can't think of what little
things they give marks. I don't know
what I will do before this year is over. It
makes me nearly wild to think of the year
I have to spend here I wish you girls were
near by & many I would not feel so badly
to get up in the morning at quarter past
six o'clock (all but Sunday & then we don't
get up until 7 o'clock) & have lessons
at 7 & break fast immediately after.
Then we have a study hour from quarter
past eight to nine & then school until
quarter past 12. Then study begins again
at quarter past one & lasts until

" " four & then we all
have to go out & walk. Then we have
supper at 6 & study from 7 to 9 &
then we go to bed at 10. We have dan-
cing every Tuesday & Friday night.
There are some very nice girls here I
am beginning to get to know them a
good deal as get down in the girls' parlors
even times & we have regular battles
about Lincoln & Douglass & Cole & Grant.
We have splendid torch light parades
here every night now & they are
very nice. At least two bands we
are right opposite the Court House &
they always come down & stop in front
of the C. House & even times have
speeches so we have the full benefit
of it all. This is a beautiful place

it is so nice & clean there are some
most beautiful houses in town. This
place is about the size of Pittsburg. We
can get to go out shopping & calling &
to spend Sunday once a month & we
have an old man here that they
have ten parsons to run errands for
the girls & we can send him out when ever
we want. I should think they have
at least 40 servants around this house
we have not had any yet but I
expect we will have after while. We are
just as busy as we can be all the time
& we cant get to write letters except on
Wednesday & Saturday afternoons unless
we do it all of Chicago hours & I'll tell you it
is very hard to sit down & write after
you have been hard at work all day. I'll
tell you we dont get to play here the way
they do at Wash Camp. The Officer come
around to our rooms every hour & so do
the ministrants & if we are doing any thing
else than studying we get marked so
we have to study or else sit with our
hands in our laps & do nothing. I wish
you would write to me often if you don't
get answers to all your letters you may
know it is because I have not time. I
wish you girls would please send me
some of your old copies so I can work you
please for we have to write them on
Wednesday after noon. please send me
some work you. I would write more but
let let has my & I'll get a mark if
they catch me give my love to every body
& I'll. Please write to our soon both
of you. Yours until death Belle

MCKENNAN, ISABEL
To Maddie LeMoyné
1861 April 23
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

This letter contains a large amount of information about the feelings and activities at the onset of the Civil War. The topics include: ceremonies for seeing troops off, troops drilling at the Courthouse, Mrs. Willard not displaying the Union flag out of regard for the Southern students, making lint for bandages.

Biography - Isabel was the daughter of Pauline deFontevieux, whom Mrs. Willard adopted on her trip to France in 1830. She was born in Washington, PA. and attended the Washington Female Seminary before coming to TFS. Isabel entered TFS in 1860. In 1865, she married Geo. M. Laughlin of Pittsburg, PA. They had three children who survived to adulthood: Irwin Boyle Laughlin, Geo. McCully Laughlin, and Thomas McKennan Laughlin. Isabel died in New York City in 1891.

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OTIS, MINNIE
To Cousin
1864 January 31
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

Life at TFS is described as quite lively. A few days after the death of a student, "...if you could hear the racket and noise there is now you wouldn't think there had ever been such a thing as a funeral thought of." The students seldom are allowed to go to the city. Therefore, she has to request some necessary items to be sent from Vermont. For April Fool's jokes, the students: rang the dinner bell before dinner was ready, put sawdust in beds, and sewed up sheets.

Minnie (Mary V.) Otis - There is no biographical information about Minnie. She is listed as a TFS student in 1864 and 1865. Her home is listed as Topeka, KS.

My dearest cousin:
Sunday afternoon, June 11, 1844.

I am writing
you a day, although it has been but a
short time since I saw you. What have
you been about? I suppose enjoying yourself,
going to Clanging Stone, visiting with
the Reed &c. &c. Did you drive home
safety that night from Clanging? we
left shortly after you did and went
down to Manchester to stay, seemed so
kind to see me! we stayed there until
Monday, and then came down to Troy.
John went back the next day, I presume
you went over to Excelsior with him.

didn't you? and had a grand time & declare I think it is too bad I couldn't have you with you. and more mind I'd have a grand time next summer, would we? Seems as if it was nothing but an aggregation what little I saw of you this time. Oh! how I wish you were here at school with me! My bunch has at length arrived after its many perambulations around the country. I tell you I was very glad to get it, found everything safe. I am not quite settled yet, am rooming at present with a Miss Smith, there are any amount of the Smiths here, I am studying French, German, Arithmetic, Music and Painting, besides Reading, Writing and Drawing, you can see I don't have much time to get homesick. but I often very often think of the dear ones at home and wish I could see them. yet I am very well contented here. The school is

very large. So many girls together they carry on dreadfully. One of the young ladies died here last week. the funeral was a very solemn occasion, it cast a gloom over the whole school, but that gloom lasted only for a few days, if you could hear the racket and noise there as now you wouldn't think there had ever been such a thing as a funeral thought of. I wish when you write you would send some pins or work or cotton, I don't want but little. I find that my clothes are not all worn out and if you would be kind enough to send me some pieces of lace with my own marked on them in indelible ink I would be under an everlasting obligation. I guess you will think it funny my sending to you for these things, but it is very seldom we get permission to go out in the city to get anything and I thought you had us as soon, hadn't you? If it will be the least trouble to you, now

don't do it for I can get along ~~very~~
without them. I have not heard from
home yet. I am very anxious to hear.
- Will! I guess my ideas have ~~grown~~
if I ever had any! I commenced this
letter ~~Monday~~ but haven't finished it until
to night, Thursday; it ought to be very
well written taking so much time, but I
despair I am positively ashamed to send it.
It looks so, and I know you would excuse
me if you knew how tired I was after
having studied so hard all day. I presume
you will laugh at the idea of my studying
hard, but I truly have. Tell Epitaph I
want he should drink a glass of cider for
~~me~~; and tell Charlie that I told Mother
about his leaving me over that morning.
Mersey! there goes the relaxing bell and I
shall have to bid you good night. Give
my love to Grandmother and all the rest
and write very, very soon to your cousin.
cousin Nellie White

OTIS, MINNIE
To Cousin
1864 November 27
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

Minnie's letters (Nov. 20, 1859- Apr. 2 1865) are delightfully chatty with family news and confidences to her cousin.

Minnie (Mary V.) Otis - There is no biographical information about Minnie. She is listed as a TFS student in 1864 and 1865. Her home is listed as Topeka, KS.

hardly know what to do with so many good things
all at once; it does me heart good to have my
friends so kind to me when I am so far away
from home. How welcome you must feel
now that Edwin, Ephie and Charly are
gone! I received a letter from Josie a few
days ago and she said they were all enjoying
themselves capitally there at Monmouth Springs.
I almost wish you and I were there with you?
By the way, Bina tells me that you talk of
attending school at the Falls this winter, I should
almost think you would. It will be so pleasant
for you. Oh Sarah you must surely be there
during the holidays, for I am going to sister
Sarah's then and of course I shall visit the Falls.
I should love dearly to spend Christmas at your
house, for I want to see Aunt Sam, Uncle William
and you all so very much, but I know that I ought
to go to Sarah's for you know I was there so short
a time last vacation. I can hardly realize that
Christmas is gone and I am to day, can you?
How did you spend Thanksgiving? I went to the
Buckley's in Birmingham and a very nice

time, turkey, dinner &c. we went to a "surprise
party" on the evening. As you know I had not
been over there before, since you and I were there
together! they inquired after you and wished me
to give their kind regards when I wrote. I had
such a nice time Friday evening, cousin Nathan
Stephan was down here from New York and I went
over to cousin Emma's with him, we played cards,
and had apple cake and wine. I don't say
I can't imagine for the sake of me what you mean
by your insinuations about me having found
outland, of course I had. Oh Sarah I must tell
you, it is too good to keep, about two weeks ago
I received a letter, mailed at New Orleans, I
thought I was under the sun and earth can it
be from you, and I am so glad to hear from you
should it be from you, but Oh! Sarah, don't you
believe I felt highly honored! please don't say
anything about it, now you won't tell me! But
you know we tell each other everything.
I believe Sarah you are having new things all
the time, I don't really believe you know how to
be thankful enough for all the favors you enjoy.

there are not many girls I can tell you that
fare as well as you do. That color is your
Alpaca, and have you not it made yet?
There are two styles of cutting breeches that are
the rage here, either very, very long tails before
and behind, or cut right round and wear a belt
as much as a ring. I like the first. Have you seen
any of these made, or that they are wearing
around their necks so much now? Did you
ever see how the fashion changes? they have got
to wearing little bits of bonnets again, they
look kind of odd, black cut blouse style
we wore before this winter. Black cut of
their skirts, wearing that long skirt wasn't it?
I shouldn't expect in the least to be sending
me one. I am very sorry that your hair is
not so badly, but having a shorted you won't mind
it so much. I don't know how to be so
sorry about it. It is that hair, restor, and
I don't think that was so good. My hair is
quite long, don't think I shall have it cut again
perhaps I may get me a wig. It is such a
thing that I don't go to church, what should
we are having now, aren't we? I am so
afraid we won't have Christmas, and
I have been anticipating so much pleasure
and rejoicing. I hear from some girls frequently
now, to be so late they won't say any more
about it. I am sure it will be very soon.

OTIS, MINNIE
To Cousin
1865 February 12
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

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Minnie (Mary V.) Otis - There is no biographical information about Minnie. She is listed as a TFS student in 1864 and 1865. Her home is listed as Topeka, KS.

My dear Ann. & B.
Feb. 12th 1868

Dearest beloved cousin.

What are you going to
do to me for not answering your kind
letter sooner? Well, Sarah, it is the same
old story over again & particularly haven't had
time. You are attending school now, &
honestly, don't it sometimes seem to you as if
you didn't have a moment's time to yourself.
You spoke in your letter of saving a position
to write, we have one to write every week,
and I am really afraid my brain will become
injured having such a continual strain upon
it. Oh! if there is anyone thing I hate it is
compulsory writing. With Sarah &
rec'd. a letter from Grace & Harland not

long ago and she said that Ephraim had
gone home, and that he was intending
to call on me now, what is to pay? I
haven't seen anything of him, and I think
it is real mean if he has gone home and
didn't come to see me, but what under the
sun should make him go home? I want to
see him, such was he. I received a call from
a lady and gentleman right from Ephraim
a week ago yesterday, wasn't it splendid?
I did enjoy talking about all the folks so
much. I saw that window, Mr. Elden
the other day, had quite a conversation with
him about you, how did he know that you
were at Elms Hall at school, my dear, that
last winter, I know you
being there at Mr. Chumans, I know you
have a splendid time. Have you seen
Charly Eddy lately, & have you heard any
thing more about him & Rachel Thonger?
When you see Theres Thonard please give
him my kindest regards & tell him that
I have been hunting all over Troy to try

and find some blacking that I can rub off,
so as to send him for his mustache, as he
wished me to, but that I haven't been able
to find any yet, he must wait patiently -
We had a Musical Review as they call
it two weeks ago yesterday, where all the
scholars had to play before Mrs. Willard
all the teachers & scholars. I imagine
I sat at the grand piano - that large
examination room, scared half out of my
wits, & trying to make my poor stiffened
fingers move over the keys; it is the greatest
wonder to me that I made out to play
my piece at all, but Mr. Phillips, my teacher
said that I had through very nicely. I don't
think you are taking music lessons this
winter, so I shall expect to hear you play
next summer; oh I am looking forward
to vacation with so much pleasure. Please
give my love to Dohin Chuman and tell her
that she wrongs me in saying that I left her
her this winter, for Sarah & George were in
such a hurry when they were at the Hall's

By the way, I saw Capt. Croff (so that
the way to spell his name) & Herbert is with
down to the depot. The Capt. is coming
to Troy in about a week and is going to
have me with a call, now isn't that
dear? I forgot to tell you I arrived
here safe and sound with no broken
bones, as one I did, rather hate to come
home though, but's all over with now.
I suppose Aunt Ann & Uncle William
start for New York Tuesday, do they not?
Mrs. H. S. Stanton returned yet? I'll
give her & Mr. Newlin a heap of love
from me - Tell Eddie I suppose she
finds it very difficult to get along
without me, but then she must try
and do the best she can.

The school has opened very full this
year, but very few of the old scholars
are back, it seems so strange to see so
many new faces. Some of the girls are
just as homesick as their mothers, I be-
lieve so sorry for them, being an old

scholar I go around and try to cheer
them up, but I declare it's rather of a
hard job, they'll get over it when they get
settled down to studying. O Sarah you
know that funny looking woman, Miss
Kissam, that I thought so much of,
she is not going to be here this term, her
sister is sick. I don't know when she
is so badly about anything. I like my
roommate Mary Pratt ever so much, she
is a real pleasant girl. I never shall
forgive you my dear for not coming
back with me, when you might just
as well as not. Mrs. Winard and all
the teachers gave me a right hearty ad-
vice. I don't feel near as lonely
I expected to, yet I can assure you I
would love to stay in Uncle
William's a little while. Did you go
to Church to day? if so I hope you
didn't laugh if you happen to see
poor Mother. I took her with
cousin Anna & I saw her last night.

she gave me an awful scolding for
not coming to Bern this vacation, and
for not answering her letter, but I managed
to live through it. She is coming to school
this term, isn't that nice? Well, dear
I must write a few lines to Bona, so
good bye, do not fail to answer immediately
for just think how good I am. I am so much
I was to write so soon. Sunday evening
Young's death. Bern Sept. 10. 1864.

Now see my dear, beloved cousin
that I am back here in this dear
Loved Institution. Oh! don't just think
me. I was last Sunday night, did you
think of me when you were doing the
discovery? I have written several
lines to day and it is almost time for
the returning. Well, I was
determined I would scribble off a few
lines to you, & I reckon it will be a
scribble from all appearances. I came
down to day, Thursday, Aunt Margaret
went down to the Brough with me.

to get back home, that I didn't have
time to go to half the places I wanted
to. I can hardly believe that Henry
Peck has gone to an asylum, it does
seem so sad! Here three bushel
baskets full of love & kisses to Elida from
William & I am to be known to the other
who is your cousin and who loves you
a great big heartful.

OTIS, MINNIE
To Cousin Sarah
1865 April 2
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

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Female Seminary Troy N.Y.

April 2nd 1865

My dearest cousin,

Many will be the certain
lecture I shall expect to receive from you
next summer, for not answering your
letters more promptly. But Sarah it is the
same old story, I haven't had time, you know
I have told you that Sunday is the only time
I get to write letters, and I have been away
every Sunday now for over a month.

Oh, Sarah, I have got something I intended to
tell you, namely that I expect John & Maggie
will be here the latter part of June & I am
so glad that I can hardly contain myself; but
I am sorry about one thing, John says he has
got to be home about the middle of July, so
I shall not be able to make the long visit at
your house that I had intended, I am so
sorry for I should have enjoyed it so much.

Maggie is going to remain here at school

I think it will be splendid for her, but I am awfully afraid that she will be homesick, for she has never been away from home before. I don't know when I have been more surprised and delighted than I was yesterday afternoon to see Charlie, he has been to see home with him & stayed over Sunday, had a perfectly elegant time, I think Jennie is just as nice as she can be: they are boarding at Cambridge, that is forty miles from here. Uncle E. and Aunt Margaret Staples have been here to see me, stayed two or three days, I did enjoy it so much, I went out in the city with them just as much as I pleased, we went to the theatre one night. I wish you could have heard the bonnade that no girls had last night - it was beautiful. I suppose you will be going home before many days, is it like going with you? I don't object in the least to have a little of the maple sugar that I presume you folks are making now. Sarah, my love, that looks rather suspicious you speaking Roger & I mean

Why doesn't she answer my letter? I went to a splendid concert the other night, given by Dedworth's band, the music was perfectly grand. Cousin Roger & I was here to see me about two weeks ago, I went home with him & stayed over Sunday, had a perfectly elegant time, I think Jennie is just as nice as she can be: they are boarding at Cambridge, that is forty miles from here. Uncle E. and Aunt Margaret Staples have been here to see me, stayed two or three days, I did enjoy it so much, I went out in the city with them just as much as I pleased, we went to the theatre one night. I wish you could have heard the bonnade that no girls had last night - it was beautiful. I suppose you will be going home before many days, is it like going with you? I don't object in the least to have a little of the maple sugar that I presume you folks are making now. Sarah, my love, that looks rather suspicious you speaking Roger & I mean

when you should have used Abbots, I
shall have to tell Dr. Beach if you don't
look out. With much love to all I am
as ever your own loving cousin
Ninnie H. Otis

SMITH, EMILY
To Almira T[ylor] McQueen
1865 September 28
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Emily wrote these letters to her friend, Almira T. McQueen of New Haven, Conn. She relates many details of life at TFS. These include: the girls walk in ranks as daily exercise and are greeted with yells of "Shoo Sheep" by the neighborhood boys, dumbbell exercises in uniform in gymnasium, particulars of academic requirements, physical description of Mrs. John and Mrs. Emma Willard, layout of school, comment that the TFS girls "do not dress much".

Biography - Emily was a resident of New Haven, Conn. She attended TFS from September 1865 through June 1866.

Dear Anne

I received as perhaps you
may have heard some reports & accordingly we
week ago being it my first impression
about my friends were sent who were very
kind but possible but as soon as I got
things settled it began to look real obvious
some time contacted my communit
Lester Lewis is a real good girl who is
much like me not quite as tall but
just about my style. my many think we
are sisters. She gets 100 in number do not
know much of her & I charge in field
at places & would like to get for free
because it is real old but new. I only
wish you could look into this house -
in the basement is the dining hall, is con-
tains the table each seating twenty persons.

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Troy Female Seminary

Sept. 1865

Dear Almira

I arrived, as perhaps you may have heard, here safely & soundly, one week ago to-night-my first impressions before my trunks were sent up, were any thing but favorable-but as soon as I got things settled it began to look real pleasant & now I am contented. My roommate Susie Sears is a real good girl, she is much like me not quite as tall but just about my style, very many think we are sisters, the girls (150 in number) do not dress much and Sue & I splurge in fluted alapaccas & scarlet cloaks, just for fun-because it is real cold here now.-- I only wish you could look into this house, in the basement, is the dinning hall, it contains ten tables each seating twenty persons on the _____, the parlors, Mrs. Willards apartment, chemical apparatus room & Chapel, the latter resembles a small sized church, to which we repair at morning & evening on the second hall is our room, which is one of the most pleasant in the institution -- it looks out on two of the principal streets of the city through which daily pass the Polytechnics, college boys, who have a strange interest here. on the third hall beside sleeping rooms is the Examination Hall, which looks very much like a concert-room containing, an organ a grand piano & speldid paintings & empty seats & on fourth hall beside sleeping rooms the schoolroom & recitation rooms, so you see we will have some racing up & downstairs to do, on the same floor with us are the water closets, very convenient- & then just just outside connected by a hall is the piano house, containing a great many rooms with one window & a piano -- The day after I got here my minister the Rev. Dr. Baldwin called on me I like him very much indeed. Mr. Willard is a real nice man but has nothing to do with the school. Mrs. W. is a rather fleshy but very stylish woman & rather bland. she was altogether too glad to see me for a stranger I thought & I imagine she thought me almost too formal when she condecended to kiss me, you can imagine my expression I presume-but she is real good to me -- Sunday noon at dinner Madame Willard, Mrs. W's mother, the founder of the school was presented, to us, she is splendid looking old lady of about seventy years of age.

Last week Sue & I managed to-get-out twice every day but one we very easily found our way around the city & had some fine views of the Hudson & the environs of the city from the terrace, we also walked passed the Polytechnic Institute,-but failed to see any of the students. One

day we went to buy umbrellas, the clerk offered very kindly to get them marked for us thus you see he got our names, & the number of our room when mine came home on the inside was pasted a note containing an invitation to call again, which I think I shall do. Now Almira I hope you will very soon write to me, for a letter from you will be very gratefully received & it is a great pleasure, when one is away from home to receive letters, even if they are not homesick-please remember me to any who chance to inquire, be a good girl, write soon & believe me as ever your truly sincere friend

Emily

Address me at Female Seminary, Troy, N.Y.

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SMITH, EMILY
To Almira T[ylor] McQueen
1865 September 28
ALS

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Biography - Emily was a resident of New Haven, Conn. She attended TFS from September 1865 through June 1866.

Female Seminary, Sept. 28 - 65.

I received your welcome letter & embrace the first opportunity for answering it. I am very sorry you have such a hard cold - had it not been for that I should have given you the most awful soddling you ever had in all your life for writing me even a short letter you see - I give you fair warning so you may know what to expect - I have one my room & closet - if you like I am up on fourth hall with two real pleasant rooms - mother, Lucie, Sara & Ella Stevens have one of the largest closets in the whole house. I am real glad you called in to see Mother for she is lonely it does hugo to to

see any of my friends - any more when
you are out & have some I wish you
would go & see her - I have four
students this term, viz. Helen, Gertrude,
Dorothy & Beatrice. I have to study very
hard during school hours & many
times during recreation hours but I
think I can stand it. I have had
a very hard cold & one throat now
off since one day. I thought I have
been having so much fun - I dressed up
in my gymnastic dress, put on my
hair on the side & went out calling on
the girls - we have study hours from
7 till 9 & must be in the at just 10 -
it seems so funny at first, such a
strange to some person when her
heart and you want to see you are
in bed & afraid to make you pardon
this into dark & I am in trouble

Gertrude, I like very much but
find it rather hard - we have a
splendid teacher & there is no such
thing as not having your lesson &
find it ~~very~~ ^{very} hard but I am willing
to study hard. The rules are not
any more strict than is necessary
in so large a school but of course
each girl makes it a point to
break them as often as she can & not
get caught at it - I like all my
teachers very much indeed &
especially the one who delivers lectures
I did not receive any tonight you
must take pity on me & write often
so you can find time, because I
am a great talker & so we must
that I am away from home &
receive letters from my friends - I
always want one every mail - but

of course cannot expect that:
I saw my umbrella here the day
he walked in the street with
me, on Sunday. I met & bowed to him
was walking with one of the teachers
the object of that was the result of one
of my flirtations. I told her the yarn
& she seemed to think it was all
right. There goes the last bell. I
hope you will write soon as conven-
ient, & tell me all the news. I do
not want to feel like a stranger
when I come back home.

Trusting this may find you
well hoping to hear from you soon
with my best wishes for your welfare &
happiness. I remain, as ever

your sincere friend
Emily

I'm forgot about a long letter.

Troy Female Seminary Sept. 28, 1865

My dear Almira

I received your welcome letter & embrace the first opportunity for answering it. I am very sorry you have such a hard cold - had it not been for that I should have given you the most awful scolding you ever had in all your life for writing me such a short letter you see I give you fair warning so you may know what to expect. -- crow over my room & closet if you like I am up on fourth hall with two real pleasant room mates. Susie Sears & Ella Stevens have one of the largest closets in the whole house -- I am real glad you called in to see Mother for she is so lonely it does her good to see any of my friends, any time when you are out & have time I wish you would go & see her. I have four studies this term vis Latin, Geometry, Rhetoric & History. I have to study very hard during study hours & many times during recreation hours, but I think I can stand it. I have had a very hard cold & sore throat, was off duty one day, tonight I have been having so much fun -- I dressed up in my gymnastic-dress, parted my hair on the side & went out calling on the girls - we have study hours from 7 till 9 & must be in bed at just 10, it seems so funny at just such a minute to some person stick her head into your room to see you are in bed & if not to mark you (pardon this ink dab I am in haste) Geometry I like very much but find it rather hard, we have a splendid teacher & there is no such thing as not having your lesson, but I am willing to study hard. The rules are not any more strict than is necessary in so large a school, but of course each girl makes it a point to break them as often as she can & not get caught at it. I like all my teachers very much indeed & especially the one who delivers letters I did not receive any to night you must take pity on me & write often as you can find time, because it is a great pleasure for me now that I am away from home to receive letters from my friends. I always want one every mail, but of course cannot expect that. I saw my umbrella hero the other day he walked in the street with me, on Sunday I met & bowed to him was walking with one of the teachers she asked if that was the result of one of my flirtations. I told her the yarn & she seemed to think it was all right. There goes the last bell. I hope you will write soon as convenient & tell me all the news. I do not want to feel like a stranger when I come back home.

Trusting this may find you well hoping to hear from you soon with my best wishes for your welfare & happiness.

I remain, as ever your sincere friend

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Emily

Don't forget about a long letter.

I wish you would have your pictures taken before long. I should like one sent to me so much. Tuttle sent me hers yesterday. She is very homesick.

Emily

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CAROLINA
From Emma W. Willard
1865 September 29
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

Letter from Emma W. Willard (Emma Hart Willard's granddaughter) re: a petition with signatures of the Troy graduates. "I hope these will do some good towards the object..." The reason for the petition is not specified. However, it may refer to the International Peace Council Mme. Willard wished established in Jerusalem.

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July 27, 1885

Dear Mr. [unclear]
I have just received
the 1000 lbs. of the [unclear]
and the [unclear] of the [unclear]
by it, as we [unclear] it
I have the [unclear] of
as many of the [unclear] as
can be packed in [unclear] [unclear]
of three who [unclear] in the [unclear]
have either [unclear] [unclear] or
are out of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear].

I hope [unclear] will do some-
good towards the [unclear],
it might not be [unclear] [unclear].

SMITH, EMILY
To Almira T[yler] McQueen
1865? October 28
ALS

Emma Willard School Archives

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Biography - Emily was a resident of New Haven, Conn. She attended TFS from September 1865 through June 1866.

My dear Annie,
Saturday afternoon Oct 11th

I received a letter from
Mother this morn. saying that you had
been well, and that I should not
worry. I had been worried
very much, but she explains the
reason. I am so sorry you are well, but
you have great reason to be thankful
that you are at home, and in the
arms of your dear mother. I feel so
sorry for her, but she is very old, and
it is not like being at home.

What is the matter with you? How
long have you been sick? You must
tell me all about it. I hope by the time

his name, you should find in many
places. It is a very common bird,
and is often seen in the
hollows of the trees.

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continued morning when I took up
 the sword and fought with success.
 I would very heartily have spending
 the rest of my life in the service of
 the world. It has been a great pleasure
 and all sorts of service, and I am
 glad to see it. I am very happy
 to see the world in this.

Hoping this will find you much
better, also to hear from you soon

Adieu mon cher
je te suis affectueux
ami
Emile Smith

Troy Female Seminary
Saturday afternoon Oct. 28, 1865

My dear Almira,

I received a letter from Mother this noon, saying that you had been quite sick and at present was a little better. I had been wondering why you had not answered my last letter, but this explains the reason. I am so sorry you are sick, but, you have great reason to be thankful that you are at home, one or two of the girls have been sick here, and I feel so sorry for them they have every care but yet it is not like being at home.

What is the matter with you? how long have you been sick? & you must tell me all about it, I hope by the time this reaches you it will find you convalescent- I have so many letter to write and so little time to write them in, that I almost forget what I wrote you.

I like the school very much indeed, but we are kept very close, much more so than the boarders over at Miss Dutton's. I dislike very much to walk in the ranks. There is such a long string of us and we are saluted on every side by little provoking boys shouting Shoo! Sheep! the exercise in the gymnasium I am perfectly carried away with, on Monday I am to take up dumb bells - we have been practicing different positions of the hands feet, head and body. I am getting quite limber - every movement we make is in half time some person playing on the piano all the time - my shoulders are growing very broad, and I am getting so fat that I can only get two of my dresses together, namely my green plaid & that black trimmed in plaid. Sunday I go to church with my dresses unhooked at the bottom, you won't know me when I get home I shall be so large and fat. The regularity doing everything at just such a time going to bed & getting up then having my plain food & not eating between meals are all good things for me. I study harder than I ever did before, had the pleasure of hearing it read out in lecture that I had not had a single imperfect lesson in History since I had been here - when the reports of the other lessons are read out I hope they will be equally as good. Geometry is my favorite study we have finished one book - & are now reviewing it, expect to finish four books this term, in Rhetoric we are obliged to write essays all last week we did not have a single lesson to recite during recitation hour Mrs. Smith our teacher read to us from numerous standard authors & we were obliged to criticize them & one hour each day we were obliged to write on an essay on _____ my production consisted of about 8 pages some 12 & 14.. that is the hardest part of my studies, I practice one

hour each day but do not take music lessons, I hope to next term.

Two of the music teachers, vis Misses Briggs & Titus have taken a great fancy to me & I to them, last night I dressed up in my gymnastic dress, they invited me into their room, gave me jelly cake, candy & apples to day sent me some pears, was not that nice, in a teacher's room. I consider myself very fortunate, twice I have been out in the city to tea have met only one young gentleman, he last Saturday night or rather the week before, sent me a box of cake & peaches, so late in the season.

Only seven weeks from Monday and then if nothing happens I shall start for home. I am looking forward with much anticipation in that time. I am not home sick nor have I been, but it will seem good to get home among my friends once more, my roommates I like just as much & indeed more than when I last wrote, they are very nice girls that Susie Sears will spend the last part of the vacation with me in order to return to Troy with me that will be very pleasant, I hope to have an opportunity of introducing you to her. I know you will like her.

Yesterday morning when I woke up the ground was covered with snow it snowed very hard all day yesterday. They were obliged to clear off the pavements last night it began to rain the snow is almost all gone I expect tonight it will freeze & it will be very slippery. How's the weather in N.H.?

What a long letter, if you get tired of reading this you can lay it aside as you are sick. Hoping this will find you much better, also to hear from you soon.

I remain as ever
your truly affectionate friend
Emily Smith

JOHNSON, LUTIE C.
1866 March 13
Church bulletin

Emma Willard School Archives

This bulletin from St. Paul's Church in Troy has scribbled notes by Lutie regarding an incident with Mr. Willard and the girls at TFS. During a thunderstorm, the TFS students are escorted back to school by gentlemen from church, while Mr. Willard is trying to collect umbrellas for them.

Lutie's proper name was A. Lucena C. Johnson. She was a native of Carlisle, PA. and attended TFS in 1866.

SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALTER.

PSALM XXXII. *Domine noli ire.*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy lovingkindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

PSALM CXXI. *Deus Rex agnoscitur.*

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and lovingkindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He showed his ways unto Moses, his works unto the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding; neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; and his righteousness upon children's children;
Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

LESSON.

HYMN.

Now be the gospel banner
In every land unfurled;
And be the shout, Hosanna!
Re-echoed through the world:
Till every isle and nation,
Till every tribe and tongue
Receive the great salvation,
And join the happy throng.

What though the embattled legions
Of earth and hell combine?
His arm throughout their regions,
Shall soon resplendent shine;

Ride on, O Lord, victorious;
Immanuel, Prince of Peace,
Thy triumph shall be glorious;
Thy empire shall increase.

Yes, thou shalt reign forever,
O Jesus, King of Kings;
Thy light, thy love, thy favor,
Each ransomed captive sings;

The isles for thee are waiting,
The deserts learn thy praise;
The hills and valleys greeting,
The song responsive raise.

CHEED.

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY, AND PRAYERS.

HYMN 25.

I love thy Kingdom, Lord, The house of thine abode, The Church our blest Redeemer saved With his own precious blood.	Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.
I love thy Church, O God; Her walls before thee stand, Dear as the apple of thine eye, And graven on thy hand.	Jesse, thou Friend divide, Our Saviour and our King, Thy hand from every snare and foe Shall great deliverance bring.
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,	Sure as thy truth shall last, To Sion shall be given The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heaven.

ADDRESS

BY THE REV. HENRY E. MONTGOMERY, D. D.,
Rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York.

HYMN 102. L. M.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms, of every tongue,
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to burst his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise, and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, angelic host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

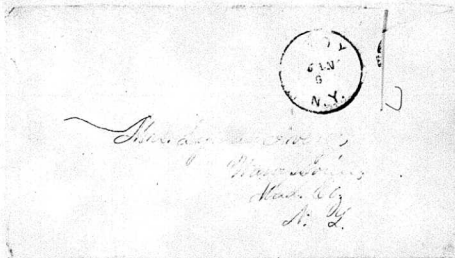
COLLECTS AND BENEDICTION.

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1870 November 23
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New York, N.Y.
Monday evening, Dec 28,
1870.

Dear People,

As usual I have left
my home letter for the last, one
that I may write as much as
I can, and that is always more
than I write to any one else.

I have not been to church today
for the first time since I came.
My foot is sore and I cannot
wear my thick shoe, so I am.

Good evening to me, and I have been
working letter all day, it has been
all so short - in what I have
accomplished. It has been a truly
day and many all the gifts have
been to church, except Lizzie, who

I am six days old's birthday, and I am not.

has been coming in, so we are
both a little troubled.
I must tell you how I feel
Thanksgiving day.

In the morning I went
out shopping, bought my tea, sugar,
and other things, and then I went to church, and
then I went to the bank, and
a cold disagreeable day, so I
enjoyed my own cooking, and
could not have wished for a
better occasion for it.
I had a delightful time, and
had a splendid dinner, and
I feel you when we had
this dinner of mine, and the
very splendid goods, then came
the most, the best, and the best
of everything, that made me think
of some friends, then some
pie, floating island, almonds
and raisins, figs, grapes, Malabar

and some paper, and sugar,
ice cream and cake, for the evening
dinner, and some quantity of
alcohol, and some fruit, that
I can describe when I come home
better than I can see paper.
Dinner is about ten o'clock, and
and happy for the thought that
I had something to eat, and I
wanted it. Lizzie received her
Thursday, and continued to
everything was handsome, and
the whole of the party being
very kind with white-washed
sugar, and the other stuff.
They sent her a turkey, and a
dinner, and a cake, and a
like any for her money.
I cannot say thank you enough
for it, and tell you how I feel
about it, for as the French
says "I feel it very much."
A good many of the girls went

I am spending Thanksgiving
and many are the same, it is
true, but none had better
ones than mine: it is not
half gone yet, and we shall
make them last as long as pos-
sible. Only think, five weeks from
today is Christmas the year
last it is not necessary to have
a horrible fuss - a 7 come
home, only give me permission
in a letter to that I can be
sure that you are waiting for
me to come home as soon as
time. I sent the valise yesterday
and told I might be there
would not check it, it expects
to suppose you will get it today.
You will find my calico dress
in it. I thought I might as well
send it and get it out of the
way for I shall have it & can
bring it out when I want.
I forgot to tell you what I wrote
about that I received from
all safe and many thanks for it.
I send the valise kept in the letter.

I am doctoring at present for my
cold, so don't be alarmed about
it. My throat is not sore at all
now. I have just written William
Helen. I thought I would not
again as long as I did.
When you write to her some
time, I wish you would send
her a little word for that at least.
I have it but I want to do
something else. It does one good
to know that one has friends
and I do not know you time
is misplaced or I am sure?
Do write to her in the next
game of the teacher which I am
free. I shall really enjoy coming home
in the night if I do meet one
but how will we get home from
Orem? I shall have Tuesday
afternoon to pack in, if I go
Tuesday night, and Wednesday
afternoon, if I go Wednesday
as I have it arranged.

Dear Sir,
 I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope this letter finds you the same. I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will soon be well again. I am very much interested in the success of the cause and hope to hear from you again soon. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

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 father, he was then causing them
 to be destroyed by sending my
 brother John to do so. I was
 in England, and I will never
 forget the impression I received
 in, through the kindness of
 my father, in the following

I have been from before this week
on, & yesterday did my hair day
as I longed to get out of my hands
in some chapel. I did not
as I should in which my
glorious little is soon to.

There is a small
hole in the wall looking
out like you can see the
sea. So I have been
here.

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The money is not to write me letters
 of duty.

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Miss King did not
write with me. I was
in the "Dillon" in 1862.

The following are some of the

that he had it and I was well
brought out and I was
in the hospital. I did not

Dear Mr. [illegible]
 I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the 14th
 inst. and in reply to inform you
 that the same has been forwarded
 to the proper authorities for their
 consideration. I am, Sir, very
 respectfully,
 Yours, [illegible]

I am
 ever your
 affectionate
 friend
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...the ... in ...
... for ... said it ...

And that, that a piece of cold language
is anything that I could have if
I were alive, would be a libelative libel.

1. 15. 1861. I shall not need anyone of
Horsford's little right army.
Is there any great trouble about
the matter at N. - ? They are having

great times here, and we have rather
a limited supply, though it does not
trouble the girls much, for everything
is a great deal better than

I am giving
 We have no warm water on
 any of the balls, as it is all brought
 up in pipes, since the scarcity.

[illegible][illegible]

I am so glad to get your kind
letter. I am sure the children
will be very glad to hear
of the ship but we shall not
bring more home. The other ship
will be here in a day or two. I
am so glad to hear of the ship.
I am so glad to hear of the ship.
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1. The first part of the paper is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the United States, and the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the Vice President of the United States. The list is as follows:

Some of the best, the finest
and the most beautiful
of the world, and the most

I must wish that I had been
 left, while I was here, and that
 something more for the same
 purpose. A. M. 1841.

and that as I have, previous
to be able to be satisfied, that I
have time sufficient at the end of
the year, and if I can have any
thing more from you, as a whole
of the generous to day, continue

my dear father
 I have been thinking
 of you very much
 and expect from
 the arrival of paper
 more than you will
 find the attention of
 it. You can do that.
 I am reading "The Book"
 I hope to complete it soon.

Dear Mr. H.
 I have just
 received your
 letter of the
 10th inst.
 and am
 glad to hear
 that you are
 well.
 I am
 very
 truly
 yours,
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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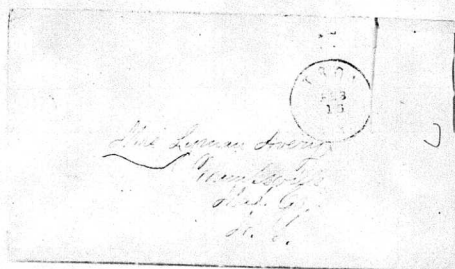
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Oct 11 1833
New York
My dear Susan
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I have not much news to write at
present. I am still in the city and have not yet
received any other letters. I am sorry to hear that you
are not well. I hope you will soon be better. I am
always your affectionate friend.
Your affectionate friend
Susan Adams

"I have a letter from your mother
 and she says she is well and
 that she is very much interested
 in the cause of the colored people.
 She is a very kind and
 generous person and she is
 very much interested in the
 cause of the colored people."

On Saturday the school attended the funeral of Mr. Phillips, who was formerly a teacher in Lawrence in this school. I did not go for it seemed as though was a long way to walk and Miss

many thoughts I had written out in 1841
but now I find I had never seen him
and had not been a convert to
our faith & so, and is infidel

[illegible]

O dear Anne & James,
I wish uncle & aunt could give you
a little of the little I want to see &
write even if it costs the world's
gold & such a thing.

Lizzie and Mary Gibbs are taking
 as best as possible, so I cannot
 write any more.

I hope to see "my mamma" before winter
again, for I still expect to be disappointed
in that if I am in the way from home.
Ada.

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Mr. Lyman
Barnstable
Mass. U.S.

Letter to Mary Magdalene, 1874, as written in the
"House of all prayer"
after

Our will continues
to improve & better from one to the
time and feel it working for
the little white Sunday, but could
not expect all the same.

Dear Sir, your letter of the 11th inst. is received and I am glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope this letter will find you the same.

I have been reflecting many
times on the time you saved this
part of "Black and White" for me.
As she thought she should return
my daughter's picture.

The wind in fact on Sunday night
just came from the S. W. and
staid with me a little while and
then went to cousin Lyman's, he his
wife and mother came up in the

I had to come back here before
midnight on the 11th for dinner at 6.00.
and that would give us time to make
the connection in Liverpool.

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I am so glad that you succeeded
to let me have my record music
box. It cost me quite considerably
my gold buckle me from pleasure.
Kindness has admitted that
it was best for me and for my
sister.

the same day

to the other point.

The two men, I think, have been
sent to the other point. I don't know
how long, but I think at the time
of the fight they were there.

I do hope that because the men
will keep out of the fight, it
will be a success. I think they have
come enough for that.

I have received no letters from
any one, and that is all
I hear of. I hope to go to
the point in a few days, and have them
checked.

I could not get the mail checked,
so that another could take the check,
or had it double checked. I thought
it would be better to have it
checked. I don't know what
place. Have you received it yet?

The man is almost entirely gone, now,
and crabs are almost dead, but it
is fine looking.

I don't know whether to expect a

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I must tell you that Lizzie received
a barrel of apples last Christmas night,
and consequently, we have been feasting

Oh, I must tell you, as I know mother
will tell us all about the good news
we have early, a dear visitor on
my bed and you are even nearer
that. The husband, you know, looks a
little more worried.

I think I shall go out next Saturday
and if I do think I shall get the
book back, that I told you of, which
will look well in your room.

There are a large number of the quick
sick many, very much as I was at-
tacked, however, and I consider it
caused by the water. I know that it is
not good for us, for we each usually

is such a long letter, I am not
so much interested in reading it, but I
am very anxious to hear from you.
I have been so busy, and
have not been able to write to you for
some time. I am sorry to hear that you are
not well.

And quite so, as usual, this time.
But please write long enough for
your father. Love to all from
Mama.

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machine. We can help one as well
of you. Think of good, good you
can send me a little letter or
note, I promise to be glad to
receive it. The summer is now
beginning again & people here of the
first of July. I hope for the
two sides I have been to the
city. They are all very nice and
I shall be a pleasure in going
to go this very day.

The first of July has come
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in place and but soon and warm
return
Mother has to see like little child
for last night at 11:00
I hope you have fully recovered from
your sickness.

Little & Willie are becoming so fast
that we cannot eat them fast
enough to keep them from spoiling.
I have her playing Louis. Taylor
this week as Mr. Gradinsville
is sick, and I have heard her piano
class and our class yesterday, for
they were yesterday. I don't like
the teachers very well.

The boys in bed with their noses
and hand organs are getting plenty
for signs that spring is coming.

The tea table is coming and I
would close with Winkler
from Ada.

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My dear Helen,
I have received your letter of the 10th and am
glad you are taking the pains to write to me.
I am not at all
satisfied with the result.
I hope mother is better, as you are
writing to her. I shall not come
in any place will be true and true.
My dear sister, I am sure she
has a little matter at home
and thus could not let her come.
She has written several letters but
they are not as strong as she would like.
I am sure she has written the best
of her power and is at home.
I think I should come

St. Fran. never saw typed letters
like yours before. He said you
then made them your own.
His handwriting is so distinctive
that I can read his pleasant sal-
utations even when I think I am
reading their name & have to guess
from their style and spelling who
the letter has been sent.
Good people all say his letters are
one of the pleasant days.

Their being in a large hall,
 extending to the back side of the
 retirement and for a mass like the
 same would that form be a good
 type of it, (a characteristic of the
 day. The hall cover contains their
 a month more of their work. Henry
 I am a good one for it for a few
 children that will be new people
 and I think that I will have it -
 Mrs. Foster to run & I will make
 it up with & come home.

I met Mr. Peck, while I was out-
yesterday morning.

I received a letter from Mary Anne
last Thursday. I don't think that
they have obtained a present home.
Suppose they will have the old
house. I will try and see the wife
that she expected a "good" year from
the south. I think that's all we
need now.

"He is the intense, well known
 it has been said, and natural to see
 in some of the girls pleasant face
 light on the top of her hair.
 Liza's name has not been known
 that she has not known him to
 come to her, sometimes during the
 school she says.

When it gives relief for the feeling and
 acts as a remedy itself if you don't feel
 like it - if you can't sit there go
 for I don't want you to ask your
 dad sick on my account - and hope
 you will feel better right away.
 You must doctor if you do not feel
 well.

So I must try to be realistic and
at least to pity the woman that has
got her for a wife.

I received a letter from Phoebe last week, she says they are going home this fall, ^{the} summer but will be back before it is over.

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Long Lane, N.Y.
Mar. 8, 1871.

Grand People.

I was very much
delighted to receive your letter
and was glad to hear from
you. I am always
satisfied with all my home letters
and if you are happy, my life is like
a dream.

I have just finished my work,
which, by the way, is not very great,
and think I must write to you
C. G. W. for the afternoon.

It is another lovely day and yesterday
was also. I want to walk in the city
with the girls yesterday morning
and think I shall stay tomorrow
that I can, when it is pleasant.
If we could only have such weather

I had written to you the time
for which I should think that
you would find more than usual
in the more likely law to be
and it would be very far
from the more likely law.
So that, after all, you would

I have written a letter to Mr. Jones
about the matter of the "Horse"
and I am very glad to hear of
your interest in it.

I am better than when mothers
 lay sick and I make me
 move. The game is quick & can
 stand the roller along with pink.
 I want also a second experience;
 think it will be better to tell us
 of a new position.

When you send the notice, I would use the handkerchief that I sent home with the Camas in, as I suppose you have no special use for it and I have some more work that I would like to keep on it.

Our presentation was sparkling a little,
but mine is not as good as Linda's.
The glasses look real pretty together,
but covered every one like Liggins

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My dear Mr. Avery,

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I have been thinking much of late about the future of our country and the state of our Union. I feel that we are in a critical position and that it is our duty to do all we can to preserve our Union and our liberties. I am sure that you feel the same way and that you will do all in your power to support the measures which are necessary for the preservation of our country. I am sure that you will be able to do this and that you will be able to do it with honor and with success. I am sure that you will be able to do this and that you will be able to do it with honor and with success. I am sure that you will be able to do this and that you will be able to do it with honor and with success.

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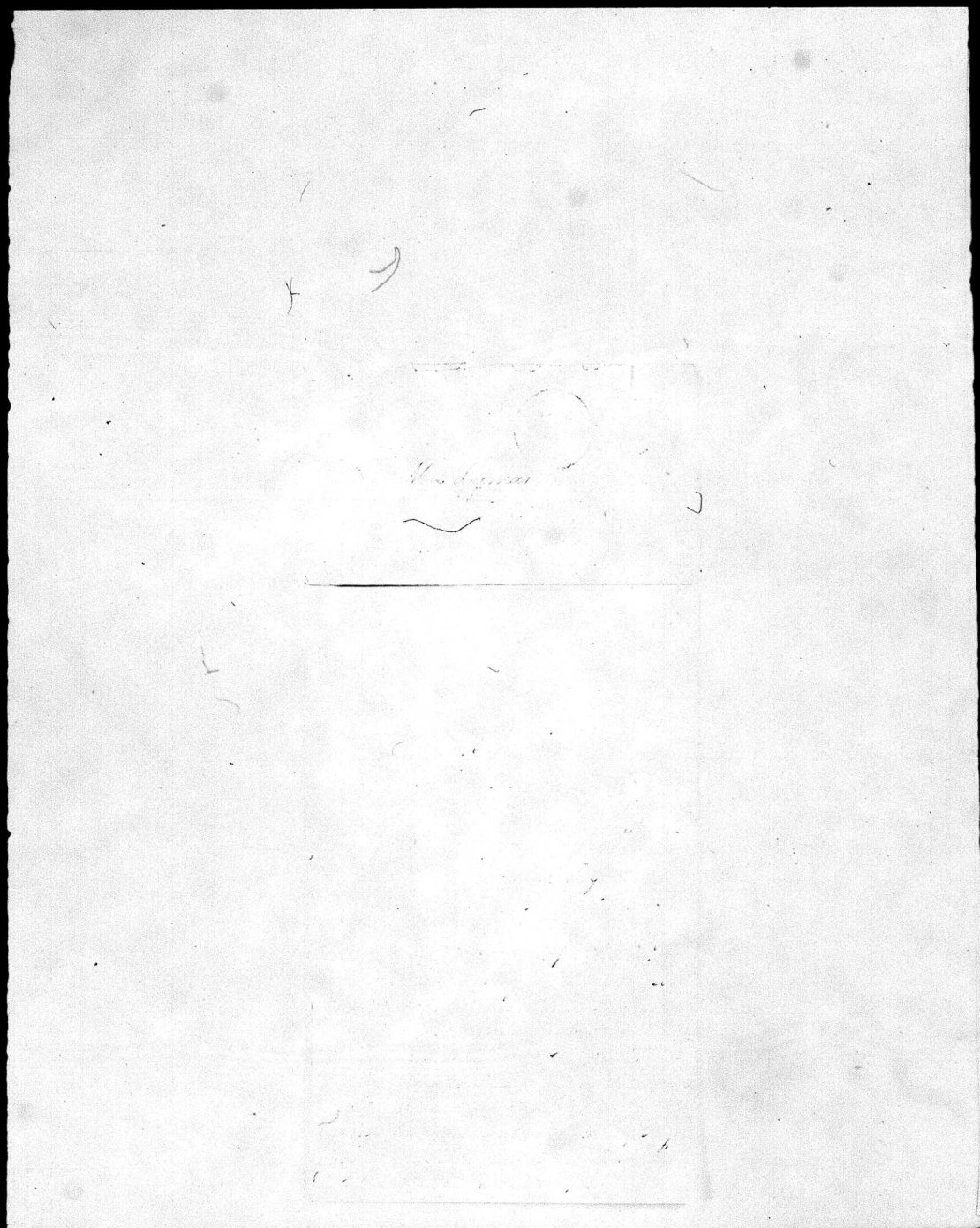
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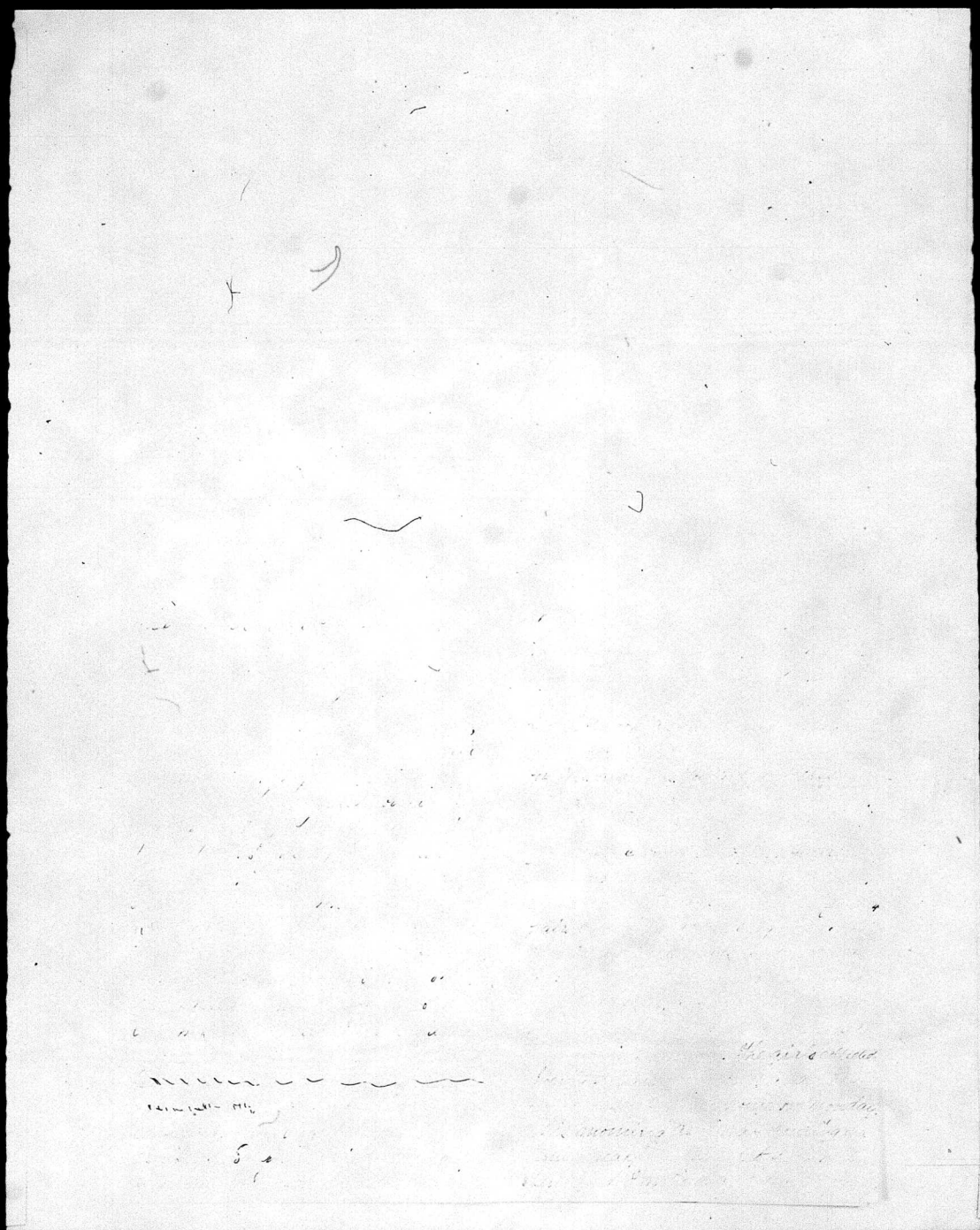
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of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you.
I am well and hope this
letter finds you the same.

It has been quite
a long time since we
last spoke and I have
been wondering how you
are getting on.

I have been very busy
lately and have not had
time to write you more
often.

I am sure you are
quite well and hope
you are enjoying your
work.

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of you very much lately
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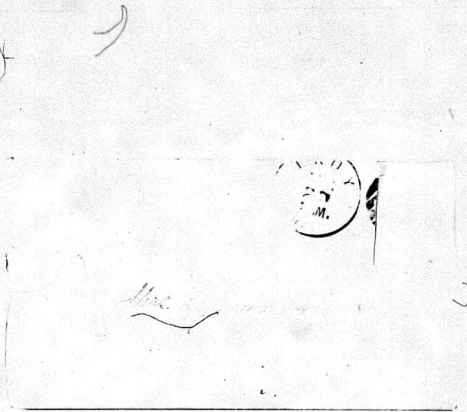
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the excitement it was so
much. I am going to
the finish line. I am
not sure but I will
finish the race.

I am taking my picture like a
good girl and that's all I can
do. I shall get quite accustomed to taking
anything after a while.

I shall be happy to have a letter
from you. I am
very
yours
John

I am not sure but I will
finish the race. I am
not sure but I will
finish the race. I am
not sure but I will
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though we had not the
the money is not and thus we
suffering as well that I can hardly
breathe

There was a school not far from
us; it was very much finer than
the state school. There were a good
many strangers there from the city.
Lodge was very glad of the visit,
and now is going to send them
some money; that had a like road
from the school in his too and some
generative white. I have planted one
for each but I am afraid that it
will not grow so successfully.
He is coming again to the school and I hope
I shall see him before long.

I have a letter from Mary
a day or two ago yesterday. I think
it was the first that she had
written to you about my white
dress. But you think it would
be a good plan to have her get
my dress and to mention
it to the school. I think she

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with long, slender, much more than quadrilateral,
or sub-cylindrical stem.

Look! told me today that she saw the best
place to go on the plain, it was a beautiful
place. I wanted a money that was to me
a great deal. I was with her a long time
and she was with me a long time.

[illegible]

We are in I must say a good deal better and
 shall be very sorry if the country will
 be so soon as possible. I wish you, and
 Mary, to visit us. I am sure
 but I am I get all behind in my letter
 but had a nice enough time during the day.
 I am the next day, and I am sure
 and I have a few other that I hope will give
 some good news and a pleasant
 one. I am sure, and I cannot

The picture tells how busy and I cannot
 write more. I have not time to do so. I
 have written, and don't know whether this
 comes or not. - Yours. Love to all. Harry, daughter.
 Mrs.

Another short-hand arrangement for the
book of names.

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Mrs. Lyman Avery,
 No. 1
 Louisville,
 Kentucky Co.
 N. Y.

Dear Sirs,
 (Wednesday, Jan 21.)

Dear Sirs,

I have just put the things in the
 boxes and am going to send it this afternoon, as you
 can get it tomorrow at Camden. The barge came in
 this morning, she said she would not leave it off
 the bottom for it would be finished, but a puff and
 the barge makes could finish it better. The slaves
 are to have her replace by one the edge to fall over,
 and the other further up. She took to send the paper
 as I believe Hannah will take it, as she can
 remove from the district. I will it in one of the
 ships as you can find it. I shall have to have bread
 advanced in the week above the puff and perhaps
 in the slaves; I shall not get that until you come, and
 for my satisfaction, I hope there will be some life from
 the puffles. The Hannah not to forget the puff and
 the week, too on the slaves and the puff and the barge,
 and I guess a few on the back. She, ^{the} said she sent
 all the pieces there were. She came in yesterday night and
 filled my barge herself, said it would ^{be} ^{very} ^{much} ^{improved}
 but did not send the bill. I told her I would pay her
 the last of the week, after my money came. I did not try
 it on today but it fitted beautifully the other night, as sufficient
 it will now. I hope to have the rest by Saturday

Again Elizabeth was gone the other morning, and it
 seems to have you too, at the same time. I wish you
 to stay there as much as I could. I wish I could go
 down there with you after you sit two hours by
 night and stay by tea. I have not had a letter

You are very good, I guess, taken beautifully.
Have you ordered my share of Apples yet?

I am very glad, for more than one reason.
Lizzie received her thin skirt from home, last night.

it is of Victoria Prov.

had ever brand me again. we would not have

as much as possible.

Write your mother to have the tea-kettle on when we get home Thursday afternoon, so we can have some tea; don't you think we can get home on the afternoon train from the east?

They have some lovely little hats, and I am quite anxious to get one when you come. Cousin Elizabeth is going to take you out to shop a little, my dearest.

I have got lots to say, but cannot settle myself to do anything, hope I shall get a little sense before Monday, but till I can think of some, it shall I am going down post-card. Look, Julia, if I write one good way. This week, for the first time of Monday.

Love to all from

Ada.

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Mary A. Hastings
1892 December 29
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She is making arrangements for the Biography Committee of the Emma Willard Alumnae Association to meet.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.



Mrs. Robert Ward,
South Orange,
New Jersey.

19 Lafayette Ave. Brooklyn
Dec. 29, 1892 -

My dear Mrs. Ward

Now that I have got
settled in my second
boarding place and have
adjusted my regular work
to its times, I am trying to pick
up the "E. W. A." work which I
have been so long forced to neglect.

I had a meeting yesterday
of the Comm. on the Ke-Union, at
Mrs. Scudder's, and I went a
meeting of the Prog. Committee next
week. Can you arrange your
time so as to meet on Wednesday
Jan 4th? I saw Mrs. Schornstein
at yesterday's meeting, and found

that was almost the only day
she could give to it when I was
not engaged - So I hope Wednesday
will suit you all - Wed. afternoon
as early as we can assemble -

Mrs. Johnson invites us to
meet at her house, corner of Broad-
way and 85th St - The "Ariston"

If it should be impossible for
you to take that afternoon for it,
please let me know by next
mail - I am very anxious to have
this meeting before the General
Meeting of Jan. 11th - also please
name the times you could come over.

I wish you would come
over here and see me - some time
before long. Will you do it? I have
a little visit with you, it is so long
since I have known anything of you

personally, or your family. You
can find me quite as readily
as last year - This place is very
near the junction of Lafayette Ave
with Flatbush Ave - also near the
Lafayette Ave. station on the Kings Co.
Elevated, which you take at the
Bridge -

With best remembrance wishes for
yourself and family,

Yours Affectionately

Mary R. Hastings.

PECK, ANNA M. JOHNSON

Emma Willard School Archives

To Mrs. ?

1894 May 28

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This letter was written when the Emma Willard Association was collecting information to publish Emma Willard and Her Pupils. In this letter she mentions a trip she took to the seminary with Mrs. Willard. She comments that this was just after Mrs. Willard had separated from her second husband, Christopher Yates "who proved such a villain".

Anna Marie Johnson was the daughter of Philo S. and Anne Maria (Nash) Johnson. She was born in Watertown, N. Y., and attended Troy Female Seminary from 1841-1843. After leaving Troy she taught in Alabama and Louisiana. In 1857 she married Hamilton Pec, of Flushing, N. Y. and lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and in Watertown, New York.

93 - Washington St.
Watertown

Oct. 7.

Dear Mr. Tracht

I am very glad I
could render any service to
you by sending a portion of
Mr. Willard's letters which you
are quite welcome to keep as I
have many more - it was not
much like burning a leaf from
the Bible. In doing any good
I send Mr. Taylor three (I am
sure) for me at the World's Fair
which, doubtless you would be
glad of, but I have misplaced
his address & he would send it
to you - I supposed I gave

receded of me & our great American
Woman - if you can obtain them for
me, quite-welcome to your letter in June

Taylor's journey -

from very arduous & trials

Mr. Hamilton, New York
Care Emma P. Johnson,

May 28
1894

I have just received your letter of the 20th and so advise,

Mr. S. M. Taylor
Taylor Corner
Canton, Ill.

The name of the Town from which
I sent the letter is it
was from this place at Watertown
Jefferson County New York.
I shall never forget the night.
Mr. Emma & I started in a
stage Coach for Troy, she had
been here for a two weeks visit
& took me back to school with
her - that visit was made
immediately after her separation
from her last husband,
Dr. Fales, who proved such
a villain - I hope you
will be successful in your
effort in procuring a faithful

33 Washington St.
Watertown, N.Y.

Dear Mrs.

I am very glad I could render any service to you by sending a portion of Mrs. Willard's letter which you are quite welcome to keep as I have many more - It was so much like burning a leaf from the Bible to destroy any of them. I sent Mrs. Taylor three (I am sure) for use at the Worlds Fair, which, doubtless you would be glad of, but I have misplaced her address she would send it to you - I supposed I gave the name of the Town from which I entered the Seminary it was from this place (Watertown Jefferson County New York. I shall never forget the night. Mrs. Emma and I started in a stage coach for Troy, she had been here for a two week visit & took me back to school with her - that visit was made immediately after her separation from her last husband, Dr. Yates, who proved such a villain - I hope you will be successful in your efforts in procuring a faithful record of one of our greatest of American woman - If you can obtain them you are welcome to those letters in Mrs. Taylor's possession -

Yours very cordially &

Mrs. Hamilton Peck

Née Anna M. Johnson

May 28 '94 [1894]

I have just accidentally found Mrs. T's address

Mrs. F. M. Taylor

Taylor Terrace

Canton, Ill.

BRADLEY, MERAB ANN
To William C. Bradley
n.d.
ALS

Bradley Family Papers
Schlesinger Library
Radcliffe Institute
Harvard University

Written to her father. Merab is out of money and asks if he thinks it best that she come home for awhile and return to school in the fall.

Biography - Merab was the daughter of the Hon. William C. and Sarah (Richards) Bradley. She was born in Vermont in 1806. Merab attended TFS from 1822-1823. In 1830, she married the Hon. Daniel Kellogg, judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont. They had three children; Sarah Bradley, Daniel Kellogg (who died in infancy), and Daniel 2nd. Merab lived with her family in Saxton's River, Rockingham Township, Vermont, until her death in 1845.

My dear Father

I am very sorry to say it but I
am out of money. — Do you not think
it best that I should go home this spring and not
return until after the August vacation as that is
to be long Nancy goes this spring. Please will you write
me soon My love to Mother and accept the same
from your affectionate daughter
M. D. Bracey

I am much obliged to Mother for the letter
she wrote me I hope to have more

DUTTON, SARAH
From Nancy Bostwick
1830-34? February 25
ALS

Graves Family Papers #2716
Southern Historical Collection
Wilson Library
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

Sarah Dutton was a student at TFS from 1830 through 1833. Her residence is listed as Champion, NY. At the time of the letters, she had a teaching position in Covington, Georgia.

of the morals and happiness of its possessors.
The chances here will not be very great of me select-
most of the girls to stay, for the present. & Mil-
is going this spring with Anne & Peter & P. Halliday some-
time this spring, I don't know yet - where Maria goes
yet. The ship Blacky go to Rochester. They think
taking Mr. Syles with them. My fate is not decided
yet, but take me to Great Britain in the engine
hannah river, it is about 60 miles from standing
you probably know your destiny before this, which
is at Eastland, Miss. I asked Mrs. Wallace if it
was necessary for you to come here before you
went then she seemed to think it was not.
unless you wished to, I wish you would write me
about it - as I suppose Mr. Brewster has writ-
long before this to you and you are about
ready for a start. Miss Stow has been brought
to the borders of the Green, since you left
for 10 days she was not able to leave her
cloths on for days together in thought she could
not live, but is now able to go from room to
room, I don't know as even this has been the
means of bringing her to the foot of the cord.
Miss Stow has left very much to the regret
of every one in the house. She wished to be
particularly remembered to you felt sorry she
you did not arrive in time to see Mary, you have
thought very highly of her, and felt that she could
sympathize with you in your loss. Mrs. Wallace
also sends her love, and Miss Henderson same.

things were left to me, and in separation has been
going a sorrowful hour, but so think that your loss
was seen her eternal gain, ought to stay your tears
and not mourn, but rather rejoice that Mary was
early fitted for heaven, and taken from the evil
that and temptations that beset our paths in this vale
of disappointments and perplexities. Often has the tear
stole down my cheek when I have thought of living
in a world like this, with no more grace than I
possess now, to bear up against the burden of human
misery; and the thought that departed friends had entered
their full image, has cheered my heart, and I have
felt to rejoice that they had entered on that state of
existence, where there are not only free from worldly
troubles, but are permitted to see their loved ones as he is.

You wished me to write, and tell you all
that had transpired since you left; this I would assure
you, would be a difficult thing to do; even were
I to begin an enumeration my paper would be
filled before I had begun, to give you an account
of the examination, which has been a good one, and
some have said a better than any previous one.
The Stewart clip done well. Mrs. Wallace remarks
that the boarders never stood so high on the com-
mit as at this close of this term. This I think is
a strong argument in favor of the cause of religion
which shows that a due attention was to that
subject which of all others ought to stand first.
It does not hinder the improvement of the mind
but is of very great advantage in the improvement

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named case, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. W. Smith

Unwilling that money given to ship the cattle without saying anything about it to John W. Hays, or to Lee or the other members of the Bureau, which information which I suppose will be added to the file. If you should not come here again, write soon, and very particular about everything for it is quite probable that I will be gone in less than four weeks. Give my love to all friends and your best wishes for the best and best results from the

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DUTTON, SARAH
To Nancy Bostwick
1830-34? November 15
ALS

Graves Family Papers #2716
Southern Historical Collection
Wilson Library
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

Nancy Bostwick is listed in the Troy Female Seminary catalogs for the years 1830-1832.
She is listed as being from New Lebanon, New York

Sarah Dutton was a student at TFS from 1830 through 1833. Her residence is listed as
Champion, NY. At the time of some of the letters, she had a teaching position in
Covington, Georgia.

[1830-1834]

Dear Mother

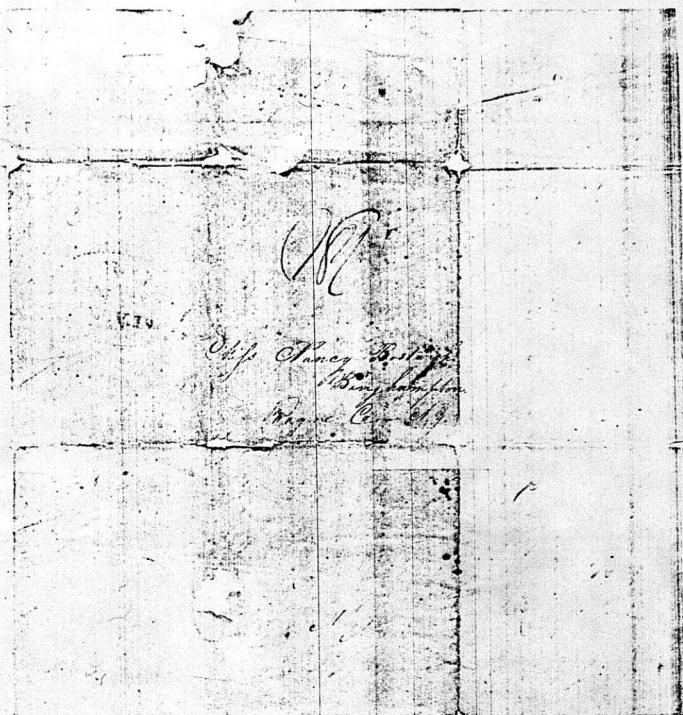
I have for a long time been
expecting an answer to your letter which I sent on the
last of October to you and against me for a short while
not having so kind a letter. You see from the date I am
now in town, but you have probably heard from mother
before this that I had high hopes with the idea of going to
Georgetown in D.C. to teach the young ladies at the school
English & what is in the school. I have now been
in town three weeks & have heard since I came that what
could not be done (the circumstances of the school being such)
his old Father to send her a teacher & finding one con-
fident she has engaged him to go so I am left to pick
up my little & dance my air jig till some body takes pity on
me and take me home to be with the world.

I have concluded to spend the winter in Gray's school
to answer, teach, & writing, that I may be con-
sidered the little girls who do not know their C.C.
really if I should spend my whole life studying I do not
know that at last I should be able to teach one new
thing to the pupils of the little wisdom of the in-
fants, & I am sure for the present I am so wise that nothing
is necessary for the young ones but a repetition of the old

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It is not kind in me to say I need not fear. I do
not feel that I am a sufficient spirit. I am
in much agony. I am with London, and
going to the bank the day of Jan. to take charge
of a school that has been under the care of Miss Rogers
in Covington, Ga. It is soon to be married. If
you feel I ought to go to Camden with Mr. Phelps
but Providence has ordered otherwise. I shall
begin my business in the morning.
I saw what I was writing since I will not
letter to her. I think you must be very much
to see the work of the Lord at Okeana. I am
in the community on account of some disagree-
ment between her & Mr. Phelps. He wishes me to ask if you
have not forgotten Dorcas & Katarah. I told him
me to give the love to you to say that she is rejoiced
to hear you are so happily situated & you may perhaps
be expected to go so far to his house alone.
Write soon - I will begin to think of the
new edition of my proceedings. But I will
soon finish. I have heard Mr. Remond lately
respecting the people of the parish you are in. I like
I think I must have him speak better. I think that
that he is giving some of his best sermons. I am
to leave for Katarah soon. whence as I suppose you
know he has had a small & been appointed professor of
Sacred Theology. I have seen him several times
since I was in the town. I am glad to hear
some had of chapel. The school is about as usual
this term. He has many students, the only strange
to me is when I came. It was one of first of
unhappy to see so great a change. But now I have
quite reconciled. I'll give acquaintance and love
services to him. I am so much pleased & happy
to hear of you. The school is now in session. I am
in a happy state of mind.

to know how to think on the dead of a living, or dead on
little ground. But as I find my dead little world, in becoming
so accomplished I find no less what will be some of
us poor school-masters. I am very much obliged to you
for your kind note in remaining interesting, for me at this Bend
at the 2. h. it. to be in view.

My last but writing, in the ship has again
come & I take the liberty to stay in the room to write
to you. I can imagine you now sitting, with a great
deal of soul dignity, imparting knowledge to some
body & some dull intellects. You are seated around
the catkins, & a small room, every word uttered as though
it were like a gospel. It is so, I am sure, but I
am sure that I feel sometimes as though I never would
ever come to such. When I reflect that perhaps on my
example will depend the ever lasting happiness or
misery of some souls. Oh if I could not touch the
conscience I might easily write perhaps something in
to guide them. How strictly we ought to examine
ourselves to know that when that has been given us as
required of our hands, we shall be able to deliver the same
with purity. Oh Christ has said the grace is sufficient for
this. Oh yes, I promise to pray by dear girl that God will
give me aunction, both on high. I suppose I
you are anxious to know my prospects. But I cannot tell
you what I shall do. Mr. C. has proposed to ask Mr. Whittier
of Hamilton to remove her sister as a teacher & take me
to assist her. I do not know as yet, what she will do.
This morning she said to me she had some thoughts
of sending me to Portland in a moment, but that is
nothing certain as yet. So you see I am all suspense
as to what I shall do. I am sure I am all suspense
as to what I shall do. I am sure I am all suspense
as to what I shall do.



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HUNTINGTON, MARY
To Frederic Huntington
Postmarked June 2
ALS

Box 20, Folder 14
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers
On deposit at Amherst College
Archives and Special Collections,
Amherst, MA

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Dear brother Freden

The girls have gone out to walk, and as I can think of nothing pleasant to write to which to occupy myself, I have resolved to answer your letter which I received day before yesterday. And, first I must thank you for writing, and ^{before I write you} I intended to have written you some often. However, but something or other has occurred to prevent the execution of my design.

You really reason quite like a philosopher when about being home-wick. I am much obliged to you for feeling so sorry for me, but I can tell you that it enough for me to be home-wick, and as I am quite contented at present, I am so glad that I wrote such a letter for which let the home as my first one was. I hope the has given it to the flames before this.

I am glad to hear that you attend Mr. King's singing school, and that you are so well pleased with it. There is a singing school here every Wednesday and Saturday evening, and I have been very regularly. The teacher's name is Mr. Williams. We has a school in Pittsfield too.

You cannot enjoy yourself very long, play with little Nancy. I suppose she is much fond of you than she used to be. I do not think she would know me now if she were to see me. You must help her for me a great many times.

A few days ago Miss Dicus from the West Indies left. She has been about from home seven years and has been here three years. She is a fine girl, and very much beloved by her companions. She was very anxious to see her friends.

and has two or three little brothers, whom she has seen since.
How do your chickens come on at home? When you
write me you must tell me all about such things, be-
cause I think quite as much interest in them now, as I
used to, when I was at home. Is it nearly time for me
to commence studying? I must bid you good bye.
June 12. I was sitting at the dinner table, just across
from Miss Crosby the young lady who sits next me, took she
a paper from a new paper and I saw immediately that
it was the Christian Register. I was not a little sur-
prised to see that name in this place, and wished to find
out if possible who sent her this paper. As we were
coming up stairs, I asked her if she took the Register.
She said she did not, but her father did, and that
he sometimes sent it to her. She then showed me the
word Unitarian, and said that would make a great
conversion here. One of the young ladies then came up
and asked what we were talking about. Then I asked
Miss Crosby if her father was a Unitarian again.
She told me he was. She asked me, and I gave
her the same answer. Miss Crosby added, "but that
proves by no means that I am one." I have not told
any one before that he is a Unitarian, and I suppose
I will proceed like with you. I will you please to
ask Father if he is acquainted with Mr. Crosby, and
the next time you write tell me.
Sunday night. I have just returned from a visit to Miss
Crosby the same mentioned young lady. She agreed with me
perfectly. I saw something that she said that night. I was a
little surprised she would not, but as we were coming up from the back
just before she asked me if I should like to see that Re-
gister, and said she would lend it to me. She thinks it
is not worth while to say much about our opinions, for
though she is in reality a free believer in the uni-

When she is questioned about her belief in
her husband's truth, you cannot think how
gratified I am to find her the daughter
of a true man & a true woman. She is a fine scholar, and
a very trusting girl. She is from Charleston in New
Hampshire. She wishes me to stand the Episcopal
church with her, but I do not think it would be
worth while to change again.

When I commenced this letter I thought
I would try to write it neatly, but I have not des-
tined my resolution. Poor as it is, I hope you will
answer it very soon, while I remain with great af-
fection your sister

Mary D. Huntington

P.S. Please to give my love to all who may in-
quire after me, and to our family in particular.

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Rev. A. Huntington & Co.
Hartley & Hall
New York



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For by the other mentioned, going to
perfectly from something that she
said she could not, but as we were
just told she asked me if I was
going and said she would that is
a not worth while to say more
though she is in reality a from

OTIS, MINNIE
To Cousin
n.d.
ALS

Andrus Family Papers
Vermont Historical Society

Minnie's letters (Nov. 20, 1859- Apr. 2 1865) are delightfully chatty with family news and confidences to her cousin. She relates here that TFS has over 100 boarding students and 100 day students.

Minnie (Mary V.) Otis - There is no biographical information about Minnie. She is listed as a TFS student in 1864 and 1865. Her home is listed as Topeka, KS.

Wren, Conn. Nov. 11. 2.

Saturday afternoon.

Feb. 13th

My dearest Cousin.

As I have no school duties to attend to this afternoon I thought I would answer your very welcome letter.

It was the first letter I have received since I have been here so you can imagine I was glad to get it. I received three letters yesterday but none of them from home, but I do wish I could hear from home!

Oh! I must tell you I had four callers to day, Roger and his wife, Sammie Chase and a Mr. Lawrence; I tell you I was glad to see them! I think Roger's wife is just as sweet and pretty as she can be don't you? and I think Roger has improved ever so much, I hardly know him. They say Josie and Horace have not returned yet, I believe they must be having a very gay time to stay so long. But Sammie

Same the one they played fair about? I don't see how he could have left without seeing her. he is quite a spruce looking young man. Roy says he will be down this way quite frequently this summer and he will call and see me, won't that be grand?

Yes indeed! we would have capital times together if you were only here at school with me! now why not pack up your things and come, I think you might just as well as not. I will dance a lot for you. I should almost think you would learn to dance, I know you would like it so much, though I suppose you have no chance to learn. I don't think I shall forget that Cytherea stuff at Dorset very soon.

How we liked he was sadly revised that night wasn't he? I wonder what has become of that old cat. I told Roger that I had received a letter from you. he wanted to know if you said anything about the Dr. how did he know anything about him?

You wished me to tell you all about Mr. Bentley, well, I haven't heard from him yet - nor don't expect I shall

forget you know I told him I couldn't correspond with him as Mother didn't wish me to write to any gentlemen while I was here. I would send you our pictures willingly if we only had them taken. I have his in my ~~Album~~ Album. I will show it to you next summer.

much loved cousin. Oh you exactly got you to speak of that codfish; but that was an excellent joke wasn't it though? yes indeed. I much prefer codfish to candy, I like it ~~saw~~ and handed around and served in paper at the table best; I declare I never so it forget that the longest day I live, I only wish I could have fond them off for it. by the way have you seen Charlie Oving's baby?

You must have had a splendid time at Mr. Dillingham's, ah! Ed. that is it my dear! I'm astonished that you should go with gentlemen, as many times as I've told you I didn't wish it, ah!!! & I declare it made me half crazy to read about the good things you had to eat, I'm as hungry as I can be all the time, I can assure you boarding

school fare is anything but exquisite, hush
and bread pudding and bread pudding and
hush, but I guess I am exaggerating a little,
we do have pretty decent fare after all, but
those turkey dinners and maple syrup and
hot cakes just spoiled me.

How I wish I could be with you this
afternoon! it is so pleasant seems as if I
can't stay in the house! it seems so strange
not to go out when I want to and to do
just as I have a mind to, you haven't any
idea how hard it is upon a person who
likes to do pretty much as they please.

I have a very pleasant roommate indeed her
name is Mary Soudan, she is so neat about
~~everything it makes me feel like I ought to be~~
you there were two girls here Mary Clark &
Helen Smith who used to live in the best
I room right next to them, it makes it very
pleasant for me. You had better write

if Mr. B. had sent his love to you it would
have made a letter so heavy you couldn't have
lifted it possibly. Give my love to Nellie & tell
her don't you think I am very good to answer
your letter so promptly? Give Helen the little
note for me, and I send a thousand kisses to
yourself. With much love to all your family,

PHILLIPS, GRACE

To James

n.d.

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Emma Willard School Archives

An informative collection of letters written to her parents, James, and Gerish (Barrett?) over a two year period. Grace describes many details of life at TFS. The main topics include: particulars about enrollment and hometowns of students, required morning walks, lectures by Mr. Eaton of RPI, hourly schedule (rising at 4:45 am and retiring at 10:10 pm), the close restrictions of the school, and religious discussions.

Biography - Grace was a native of Cherry Valley, NY and attended Mrs. Willard's Seminary (at Waterford and then Troy) from 1820-1822.

The services which I ^{continually} long for you, when you was at Watling-
has often tempted me to wish, that I might know the reason. I trust you
may not think my endeavor. I have expected letters from home these
several days but have received none. This you I set apart and am now
writing to them. I think if you have been good and true, this is your
last you write me. I have no more to say for I have received
many answers for which I thank you and which like the many in-
crease of my friends, will ever remain in spirit. I am much better pleased than
I was, I have in every situation in it. I have seen places next to
friends, and I have seen the same constant home which has given them to
me may soon establish them. Don't mind how miserable with all our
attendants and efforts, and this world's enjoyment is, if we could not have
a friend that is content in our self and content and of account
in worldly friends. I know what it is that I want, what that I must
know, the friends of friends, that worldly friends can attend us but a little
way, only to the grave they can go no further - but I have already that
it is, I know - the day of resolution and even in this world, what will
our condition be if that is our enemy, may both you and I be friends.
It is high time for us to come to a conclusion. Now the night is far spent
the day is at hand, even ^{perhaps} now we think could we on view in a just
light the uncertainty of life the surety of death and judgment, how different would
be both our thoughts, our words and actions. I expect to hear good news from
Christy this day I wish I were there. I trust it may continue, that much of the spirit
may then upon both to us, to satisfy and comfort them, and that many
of them with whom I have seen in sin and bondage may turn to that joyful
lasting happiness, and may we all be ~~utterly~~ ^{helped} together unto the
glory of God, abides I fear I am rather a stumbling block to many

There are two gang of Indians on this place, they came over last summer
they have bought themselves a farm, we say much speak with the country.
One of them says he has despised the accent of his native country in every
word excepting "Atee" this word he says is ~~very~~ to commit pardons in the manner
that we do. The say he thinks the note very amiable for their hospitality and
friendship. I don't say that if he would say so he would be concerning the
Americans, it would be the worse, for they are particularly in this place from home
and you well know that one from being objection to them either of their qualities.
I have ever advised him of going to that country, but as I grow older I see
the less probability of ever going. The first opinion of going concerning my father
was always under the idea of seeing his country and his old home. I often
spent almost whole nights in fancying myself in the home, and enjoying the
society of my Father's friends. But he is gone, as I never knew his worth, I have
not so sensible felt his loss.

I had ought to ^{write} you, he must not
think me negligent for I intend to write soon. I sincerely wish they would let
me, the quarter will be not eight weeks from to day, then I shall personally
see you all. I have nothing to detain you longer, I wish you would
return an answer, Give my love to Aunt, and your whole family I wish I could
join in that family circle in which I long have been a member, and hope
I often shall be again. Excuse my presumption, my faults, and mistakes, for
the girls keep almost a continual course of laughter or conversation, and since
Hagan, there is hardly any opportunity for thought or reflection here.

Thy cousin Mary and let no one see it.

SNEDEKOR, Mary

Emma Willard School Archives

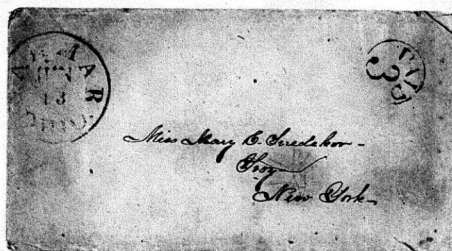
From Sallie

n.d.

ALS

Sally shares news about a wedding and mutual friends.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph D. and Martha (Akin) Snedekor (also sometimes spelled Snedaker). She was born in Troy, New York, and was a student at TFS from 1849-54. In 1865 she married Robert Ward.



Sunday morning - At home,
My dear Mary.

It is with almost a sick
consciousness that I now take up my pen
to write to you. Of fact, the monster who has
so long been tormenting - write, write, why
don't you write, go, go, and write has been
so oft disengaged, that I was afraid if I
did not stop the summons to-night it
could never return again.

Now Mary, you know, and
know very well that I like to receive
letters a great deal better than I like to
write them, for I cannot conceive how it
can give any one as much pleasure to receive
a letter from me as it does me to get

me from them. Please don't they forgive
my neglect and believe me if I had written
to you as often as I thought of you - you would
have had time to do nothing else but
read letters.

The fact is that I am so
of a Charlie keeps me writing to him all
of my spare time - He is now in Vir-
ginia law - and is to be admitted to
the bar the next fall - and in all prob-
ability we shall be married in about four
or five years -

What two scrapes have you been
in since I left you Mary - now you must
tell me all about it - You know I was al-
ways very candid with you -

I have not heard from John Cornell
his long, long time, but when last she
wrote she told me - that she and Will
Chapin, the gentleman to whom she has
long been engaged, had dissolved
partnership, I felt real badly when
I heard of it - He says there are

twenty other fellows whom she likes better
than she does Will -

Give a great deal of love to Miss Hop-
kins when you see her - and tell her I should
love to see her -

I am too selfish to write to Katie
I know she is so full of home thoughts
that she would not answer me now -
so I shall write to her in vacation -
She is a darling sweet girl, and
Alvyn should love her - Kiss her one
time, then, a thousand times for me -
and then let her kiss you as many
times for me, and I will pay you both
with interest if I can ever see you
again - You may depend upon it I
mean to come and see you all some-
time -

Carrie Chasing is married and has
there been any thing but verbal intimacies
issued you should have heard one -
Charlie did not get up to the wedding -
Bridges, Bridges is his only cry -

him and another young lady and
two gentlemen - went part way
on their wedding tour with them
and have not returned yet -
They were married at six in the morn-
ing. Carrie was of course dressed in a trav-
eling costume - with white moss rose
buds in her hair - and looked pale
but pretty -

Charles Colcland is coming down
in a week or two then. for a flir-
tation - I wish Mary you were
here to help me - Where is Lotte
Myers - now - and what is she
doing -

Please Mary my dear let me
hear from you very soon - please please
do, for the sake of -

Your old friend -

Lottie

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From Bessie

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Bessie is not able to accept Mary's invitation.

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Dear Mary

I am very sorry I cannot
accept your kind invitation for this
afternoon, but some friends of mine
have come very unexpectedly, so that
I cannot leave. I will come some
day this week after they go away
if possible.

Yours on beds
Christie.

Edw. May

SNEDEKOR, Mary
From 'Your Lover'
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This is a very ardent letter sharing his despair upon Mary's departure.

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My dear Miss Burdick

With

what regret I hear you
are going to leave us
The cloud may thicken
the storm may come
adversity may press sorely
upon us but can never
bring despair when we
see around us those
whom we name friends
& in whose happiness we
take the abiding interest
But can hope be damped
can ardor be checked when
we know she is near, ^{spring} where

very smile hangs for her But who shall mourn
 ancient lover days of like myself at your
 happiness & sweet reunion. departure. I imagine
 You go. Alas is the place my grief picture my
 of mind of those whom despair at your going
 you leave behind! away. I am one who has
 A curse was pronounced never told my love but
 against him who would have mistaken it as a
 attempt to rebuild Jericho. sweet fragrant herb
 Shall St. Andrews prosper: to give a nice flavor to
 Must a student in the whole wardrobe of my
 Blue Stone, Commentaries heart. And shall I too
 grow pale sigh & lament? have to grow & pine
 O, shall the gentleman away, look for love & fall
 of. because find occupation very desperate! Oh how
 in gathering the pieces many don't go wait till Septem-
 of his wretched feeling? ber & you will have several
 Grave questions for, (ship more speeches made to you
 many to answer! & one by your lover Fanny

SNEDEKOR, Mary
To Annie Franklin
n.d.
ALS

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In additional to personal news, Mary comments on having to take notes from memory of a course of lectures and hand them in to Mrs. Willard.

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My dear Annie,

How do you do, and what are you doing? this beautiful morning; have you the time to send a short letter from Mary? I am at my country home now Arrive, for a short time away from the dusty city; - unless you were with me, for ⁱⁿ everything here, there is music and melody - The gently tinkling brook as it flows before my window, appears no longer a brook, but a living creature with a most happy voice - The heads of the little flowers are filled with tears, each a heaven in its brightness - The many-colored birds are flying from bush to bush, singing notes so melodious, that they are to me as the choir of heavenly strains; - and the golden-bellied butterflies are gliding softly through the air, as angel messengers to show me, that we have a higher existence - Ah - nature has truly made here, her Elysium - for what is there more glorious on earth, than birds, birds and flowers? I can conceive nothing sweeter - and whenever I am with them I feel as if surrounded by holy spirits - And - you must excuse my enthusiasm my dear Annie, for I see a great work of nature - and never enjoy myself more when I see ^{myself} ^{and} count you, contemplating the mysteries of the universe -

The old barn looks very desolate now, the examination
was ended and the caged birds have flown away
to their dear homes - ~~the birds were very happy~~ -
the paintings were ^{very} executed - and the music,
especially at the concert was exceedingly fine and harmonious.
I was examined on German and French, and the composition and the Palestrina - and the Handel.

[illegible]

What care I for Blithin or Lammertine, so long as I see conversation
and place a favorite school-mate at my side, and talk
to her, by the easy method of committing my thoughts to paper?
I shall dispense with those society fire this evening at least,
and have a little chat with my dear Anne - For the first
place. Anne, but I will tell you how delighted & surprised
I was not long since by the reception of your letter - for
I had concluded that, either I had forgot your promise
to write to me, out of my own imagining, or that you had
forgotten your friend Mary when surrounded by nearer
and dearer friends - You say you are at Mrs. Mills school -
do you board there or at home? The latter I think the more
preferable - It must be truly pleasant for you to be with
your friends once more, instead of strangers - What studies
are you pursuing; and how many pupils are there in the
school? Is it situated in a pleasant part of the city?
● Anne is studying more at present, than when you were here
as I am taking private lessons in German, besides those
at the Seminary - My teacher is Dr. Borchard - ~~He~~ ^{He} is a
German - ~~and~~ ^{who} has been in this country but five months.
It is quite difficult to understand him - but he
makes the lessons very interesting -

So I had as now drinking) a course of Calomel at the Seamen's,
and they are exceedingly interesting & instructive - The
last subject was Richelieu - and he concluded by
calling him half a despot & half a angel - the
many bodies are obliged to take a liberal survey and
hand them to Mrs Willard for perusal. - At present
there is not much mischief going on - I gave your love
to every of the girls they all returned to you - So you go
into society, surely, Anne, or are you a close student?
There is My M. F. - the one you promised to see - Perhaps
we eye on him, and do not let him go much into the society
of ladies - so they may give him some wrong notions, that
if ever seen - indeed, - now I shall make up
been to possess him - Give him - not my
love, - but the best wishes of my heart, But Oh!
Anne - I had almost forgotten the promise I
made to day - I wish Fanny would
leave a day - What do you think would be my first
wish - ? - I will not tell you ^{what it was} my promise - but
I filled away all my goods & inalienable chattels -
except a diamond ring case and a broken heart -
These are hung upon the wall in front of me - they

are to remain there forever — to serve as a
warning to all passing persons that visit — we,
in every old world — I think very
little of this — likely I shall go to New
York this Spring to spend a few days — if the
weather ever again becomes settled — It is for
day is the most unpleasant we have had
this year — it is so very cold and windy —
My friends took it for before me — I have please
answer very little soon — and hope for a
better one — I am — May I send anyone
to Mr. Norton? Please accept a kiss &
"Good night!"

Yours truly
F. Franklin

from Mary —

TREAT, MARY LYDIA
From Elisha and Elizabeth Treat
n.d.
ALS

Sheldon Museum, Middlebury, Vermont

Mary Lydia Treat was the daughter of Elisha and Lydia (Hart) Treat. She was born in Middletown, Conn. Her mother was a sister of Emma Willard. At age 12, Mary went to Troy to live with Emma Willard. In 1822, Emma Willard adopted her. She is listed as a student for 1822 and 1823. From 1824-25, Mary was an assistant teacher and from 1826 until her death, she served as a full teacher. She taught general studies and music. In 1829, she went to New York City for music instruction in order to prepare herself for taking over as music teacher at TFS. During Emma Willard's tour of Europe (1830), Mary died in Hartford, Conn.

My Dear Mary

I ought to have written
you before this but a multitude of
engagements have prevented -

Emily we trust is recovering her health
although not as fast as we could wish
the rest of our family & friends are well
There has been but two deaths in this School
District for three years past & those are
Mr. Israel Wilby & Mrs. Elton -

Present my respects to your Uncle your
Aunt & Cousin Abby -

I have seen in the Public Prints lately
an account of what is called the Phy. proof
Wheat rust, in some parts of the State of N.
York as the Farmers here appear desirous
of procuring the seed I should like to have
you request the Doctor (if he can conveniently
do it) to make the enquiry whether it can
be obtained in Troy or its vicinity -

Lorenzo will probably write in a few
weeks -

Your affectionate Father

Charles Brewster

[Signature]

Abigail C. Cunningham

Your Mary shall tell you the news or
have you already heard that Emily has
a daughter. It was born in Long July, & is
a fine babe. She is now quite comfortable.
I suppose you will say, Mary cannot go with
me. Emily takes Providence. We should all
be as glad to see you as you would be to
see her. Let us at least talk of that by & by.
Emily is to appear as pleasantly situated
in the Hovey family as she could expect
to be in any family. She occupies the South
front room the north front chamber, & bed
chamber. She has lived in the family the
most of the time since she moved her head.
It was bad last winter & spring & she took
the care of the business upon herself.
Lawrence is at home. This summer since
his excursion to New York & he is for
ever. I know not determined as to the
business he is calculating to pursue. But
I presume he will not again very readily
engage in that which occupied his attention
last winter. You seem to promise yourself
much satisfaction in the addition of Mrs
Lincoln & your cousin Elizabeth to your
family circle which I hope you will realize.
Present my respects to your Uncle. Aunt
Mrs. J. & your Cousin Elizabeth. Hope
you will return their kindness with
kindness & affection. Yours affectionately
Elizabeth West

W. H. Housh, Lt. 2
July 28

12th

Miss Mary Treat,
Pine & Remondy
Drops to York

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TWISS, SARAH and EMMA
To Sarah Fitch
n.d.
ALS

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Emma and Sarah Twiss were the daughters of Thomas and Elizabeth (Sherrill) Twiss. Sarah Fitch was their maternal grandmother. Emma attended Troy Female Seminary in the years 1843-1845. Sarah attended in the mid-1840s and again in the early 1850s.

Dear Grandma

These good do not think we have forgotten you although it is so long since we have written you but we intend to write a good long letter now to make up for all deficiencies. I spent much time last winter in the country & enjoyed myself much. I liked to see all the trees & when the weather was just enough to go to see & stay. I did not like the weather. I went out in the woods one day to get winter berries & while I was there I began to shiver & started for home. Thinking I could get home before it turned very late that night as I was out of the woods, was going to go the other way to the river & get the berries & the water was right in my face. I thought I had better wait under the trees, but I was so cold I could not wait. I went to the river & got over into the boat where the steam is so hot as I could, I had to hold my umbrella & I did not know how to use it. I was so cold that I was so hot I could scarcely see. I was out of the boat in a placid state, nearly as cold as the boat. When I got home, the water ran off my clothes in a stream, I had to have a shower & get myself so wet & warm & have felt well off from it so you do not think I shall for much cause the looks of the the package. We should be not to let it be so as to look any better. I look now as if I was in the last stage of a fatal disease but I think that you can see it, even if that is the case. I have seen some of the people. We heard from father a week ago he is quite well. He has seen all winter the things that the people would want in a revolution against all the best. I think I would rather be a little old woman than have such a situation. I have had a year ago the worst time I have in about three weeks. The roses are in full bloom & are very fragrant. I wish to write & much love to Grandma & our grand children. Emma

My Dear Mother - We are all quite well, now though I have had in attack of pleurisy which was not very pleasant, but I am now completely recovered. I began to think that the greater part of Middlebury would be here and robust without my being any the sicker, about three weeks after Mr Sheldon was here Mrs Crane informed me of his having been here, but said the mere thought of letting us know, or to use her own words, "I never thought of you and I presume Harriet did not think of you" Last Sabbath Mr W Chapman called and very kindly offered to take any package for you that is for any of us who wished to send. I fear your letters will not like the ship's sailors, but they are all the go this season, no set figures are in fashion. One package is for Mother the other for Mrs Sheldon. One package of the stuff (from Lyman's) for Mr & Sheldon the other for you. We wish to send some oranges but I dare not put them up. As for the things are to go in Mr C's trunk his things should be owned by them, Mr & Willard is still in Philadelphia, Mr Smith are now in the parlour of the house next the carriage house. We have weather warm as we wish, but the children study in coats for Emma she is not able to study much, but aer and exercise since the warm weather are doing much for her. The Bannister is in August, Mr Miss will no accident occurring the time on Caroline July, gone to Mrs Mrs Sheldon's Mrs John's.

Dear grandmother. I hope you are well. When we last went
out home it did not look as if we last year. When
we were there they thought that because we were at the
United States South we had been a whole year since
mistake because in singing & in the house & garden
we have to make a surprise time every week & have the
compositions like by the day & each on Tuesday & if
we do not have them on at that time we have to
take down from it marks which do not come off
If we have our compositions in the box at the office
at home our compositions of the last week appear
in a book by Saturday & a grammar book we see we have
three credits & if we get three credits for three weeks
we have a good report in the examination
room like Miss Willard. We get marks for every
class but we do not from class except a note.
We get credits for taking notes of lessons & tests.
At examination time Miss Willard appoints four
young ladies to make out the conduct list of the
boarders & two to make out the conduct list of the
day scholars. These young ladies find out how many
marks one young lady has & how many credits she
has & if she has more credits than marks she has all the
marks off. Last term I had no marks but credits & so in the comparison
with this term in my notes you have had no marks but credits. I have not been here -
many credits have till grammar book given approximately of study & song.
Dear Grandmother I hope you are well. It is not home
yet Saturday. Miss Willard has not gone out of the school has
back little ones. It came in to take last term that I was examined

